

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-82**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Chicago, Ill.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>2/22/34</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2/22/34</b>  | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. B. WELLES</b> |
| TITLE<br><b>ALVIN KARPIS, aliases - GEORGE DUNN, R. E. HAMILTON, RAYMOND MADLEY, GEORGE HALLER, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>  |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>KIDNAPING</b> |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Mr. Jewell, advertising manager, and Mr. Miller, assistant engineer, of Shell Petroleum Corporation, Chicago Office, both declare Shell shields counterfeit; Corporation has no metal signs under 42" in diameter and both sides are enamelled. All salesmen's car signs are painted on doors and are 10" in diameter. Other words appear thereon than just "Shell". Color of paint, lettering and shape are different. No idea as to origin.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from the Division to the Chicago Office, dated February 19, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Mr. C. B. Jewell, advertising manager, and Mr. J. A. Miller, assistant engineer, of the Chicago Office of the Shell Petroleum Corporation, 624 South Michigan Avenue, are positive the two shields are counterfeit. They say that the Shell Corporation has never had a metal shield smaller than 42" in diameter. All their metal shields are enamelled on both sides and the metal used is steel. All these shields are bought through their St. Louis Office and the last lot was bought from the Burdick Enamel Sign Company, with factories at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania and Baltimore, Maryland. Neither Mr. Jewell or Mr. Miller has ever seen a metal shield of the Shell Corporation approximating the size of those Agents showed them, and said these latter were apparently made by an amateur. None of their shields have a bolt or screw hole in the center.</p> |                                  |  |                                       |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><br><i>W. A. Smith</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  |                                  | <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-742</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FEB 26 1934 A M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION<br/>ROUTED TO:</p> |                                       |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:<br><br>Division - 3 ✓<br>St. Paul - 2 Enc<br>Chicago - 2<br><b>COPIES DESTROYED 20 MAR 18 1965</b>  |                                  | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br><b>FEB 26 1934</b><br>CHECKED OFF:<br><b>MAR 6 - 1934</b><br>JACKETED:  |                                       |

On their salesmen's cars Mr. Jewell says they use a decalcomania sign painted on each door 10" in diameter. This size is standard. However, it should be noted that all of these signs have more than the word "Shell" on them. "Shell Gasoline", "Shell Grease", "Shell Motor Oil", etc., are on these smaller signs, and it is only on the metal shields 42" in diameter and larger that the word "Shell" is displayed alone.

Mr. Jewell also called attention to the fact that unless the paint on the signs displayed by Agent was very old and had faded, it was not the color of their signs. The yellow paint on their shields is considerably darker. He gave Agent a page out of one of their paint books, showing the exact colors used by them. This page will be placed with the two shields in question for comparison purposes.

Attention is also called to the variance in the lettering on the shields, the "S" being more open on the counterfeit shields and the letters painted in an irregular manner.

When asked concerning the possibility of a die being used in cutting the counterfeit signs, Mr. Jewell said it would be easy to make such a die. A noticeable feature of the counterfeit shields is the square corners and point on the bottom side. Mr. Jewell is positive that all their signs have rounded corners as shown on the paint book page, which is being forwarded with the counterfeit shields to the St. Paul Office with copies of this report.

Mr. Miller informed Agent that these metal shields, after the enamel has been baked on, is about 1/8" thick.

Neither Mr. Jewell or Mr. Miller has any idea as to where the two shields may have been made.

The shields are being returned to the St. Paul Office instead of to the Division in the belief that that Office may wish to conduct further inquiry with regard to the shields.

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>Salt Lake City, Ut.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>2-21-34</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>2-14-15-17-34</b>   | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>VAL C. KIMMER</b> |
| TITLE:<br><b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS<br/>EDWARD G. DOLLER - Victim</b>  |                                   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>KIDNAPING</b>   |   |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <div style="background-color: black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>had no information concerning the whereabouts of Doll. Inquiry at the General Delivery Section of the Post Office developed the fact that Doll was not known there. Arthur Johnson, alias "Red" Price, confined in the State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colo., has no information relative to "Old Fitz" alias Charley, or "Big Homer", alias "Swede Billy", in addition to that furnished by him in June, 1933, and on October 14, 1933.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Telegram from Portland Office dated Feb. 16, 1934; telegram from the Director, Feb. 15, 1934, and telegram from the Director dated Feb. 12, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <b>AT DENVER, COLO.</b></p> <p>In accordance with the request contained in the third wire of reference, the Salt Lake City Office file entitled "Edward Doll, with aliases, Fugitive, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", was reviewed and it was ascertained thereby that said Edward Doll had been associated with Lelia B. Foster and that the said Lelia B. Foster, while incarcerated in the Federal Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, had corresponded with</p> <div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>declined knowledge of Edward Doll.</p> |                                   |  |   |
| <p><b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b></p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;"><i>John D. [Signature]</i></p> <p><b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Division</li> <li>2 St. Paul</li> <li>2 Kansas City</li> <li>2 Chicago</li> <li>2 Salt Lake</li> </ul>  |                                   | <p style="text-align: center;"><small>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</small></p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;"><b>7-576-743</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNITED STATES</b></p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;"><b>FEB 26 1934 A M</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>ROUTED TO: FILE</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Signature]</i></p> |   |
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Agent interviewed [redacted] had known Lelia B. Foster inasmuch as [redacted] was raised in Knoxville, Illinois, the same town in which Lelia B. Foster was raised; [redacted]

Agent was informed by [redacted] that during August of 1933, [redacted] was at Chicago attending the World's Fair, and then visited with the Foster Family at Knoxville, Illinois, spending about three days with the Fosters; [redacted]

It was the opinion of [redacted] that Lelia Foster was telling the truth concerning her knowledge of Eddie Doll. [redacted]

[redacted] when furnishing this last information, requested that the source of same be kept confidential. [redacted]

[redacted] to be of the opinion that Eddie Doll has not treated Lelia Foster in a proper manner and [redacted] stated that [redacted] did not wish [redacted] name to be used in any way, but that [redacted] would write to Lelia Foster and make casual inquiries concerning Eddie Doll, [redacted]

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and if any information was obtained [redacted] would furnish same to this agent.

[redacted] was shown a photograph of Eddie Doll, with aliases, but stated that [redacted] had never seen the man.

The only information which [redacted] recalled from [redacted] conversations with Lelia Foster, which concerned Eddie Doll, in any manner was Miss Foster's statement that she had learned Doll made one visit at Aurora, Illinois, during the time she was in Alderson, West Virginia.

It is [redacted] information that Lelia Foster is now residing at the home of her parents at Knoxville, Ill.

No undeveloped leads are being sent out at this time, to interview Lelia Foster at Knoxville, Illinois, or her sister, Mrs. Gladace Budworth, 7827 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Ill., since it is believed that the same should be left to the discretion of the office of origin.

AT CANON CITY, COLO.

Agent A. R. Gere ascertained from the Protective Bulletin, American Bankers Association publication for August 1933, and February 1934, containing photograph of Homer Watkins, aliases Homer Baker, Charles Wheeler, C. E. Spencer, W. M. Longbrake, C. A. Wilson, Orin E. Baker, etc., indicated that this party had served a term in the Colorado State Penitentiary. b7c

From the records of the State Penitentiary it was ascertained

[redacted]

The following is a complete record of this party, as contained in the records of the State Penitentiary:

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Arthur Johnson, alias "Red" Price, was shown photographs of Charles Wheeler, alias "Homer" Watkins, and he stated that the same are not likenesses of "Big Homer" alias "Swede Billy", concerning whom he previously furnished information to Agent in June 1933, and on October 14, 1933, in connection with the investigation of the case entitled "Verne G. Miller, et al, Obstruction of Justice", although the photographs somewhat resemble "Big Homer"; that he had probably seen Charles Wheeler while the latter was confined in the Colorado State Penitentiary, but that he does not recall being acquainted with him at that time; that the only way he knows by which "Big Homer", alias "Swede Billy" could be located is thru Frank Hayes, of 745 South State Street, Chicago, Ill.; that "Big Homer" is about 52 years of age, or less; height, about 6 ft. 2 in.; weight, about 225 lbs; large build; medium brown hair; light blue eyes; light complexion; square-jawed; that "Big Homer" told him in 1931 at Chicago that he was an ex-convict from the Leavenworth Penitentiary three or four years ago; that "Big Homer" is married and his wife and two children were living on Prairie Ave., at about 21st Street, Chicago, in the fall of 1931.

With reference to "Old Fitz", alias "Charley", alias "Chuck", Arthur Johnson stated that three or four years ago a guard from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, came to the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City after a prisoner to take back to the Lansing, Kansas, Penitentiary and talked to Arthur Johnson about "Old Fitz" and that this guard would be able to identify "Old Fitz"; that he has forgotten the name of the guard in question, but that the guard was formerly a guard at the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City 25 or 30 years ago, and is the only guard now employed at the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, who was formerly a guard at Canon City, Colo.; that "Old Fitz" is past 60 years of age; height, about 6 ft.; weight, about 180 lbs.; gray hair; medium ruddy complexion, healthy looking; light blue eyes; cast in one of his eyes.

Arthur Johnson also stated that the only way he knew by which Gus Stevens could be located was thru Frank Hayes, of 745 South State St., Chicago, Ill.; that he, Johnson, used to write to Gus Stevens at 1234 West Madison St., Chicago, a Greek or "Dago" cigar store; that Gus Stevens' woman, "Ginger", was a friend of Gus Winkler's wife; that "Ginger" and Gus Stevens in November 1931, lived in the Armstrong Apartments, about 47th Street and between

West Madison Street, and the first street (name forgotten) south of West Madison St.; that Ed Stevens and "Ginger" used to visit him (informant) at the Jefferson Park Hospital, Chicago, during November or December 1931; that Ed Stevens is about 42 or 43 years of age, height about 5 ft. 10 1/2 in.; weight, about 165 lbs.; rugged build; dark hair and dark eyes; dark complexion; looks like a Jew, and has a nose like a Jew; that "Ginger" is about 22 or 23 years of age; height, about 5 ft. 7 in.; is quite tall; weight, about 130 to 125 lbs.; medium complexion; light brown hair; light brown eyes.

Arthur Johnson stated that George Ziegler is known as "The Dutchman", and is known at St. Paul at Jack Pfeifer's place, the Hollyhock Inn, and is known at Doc Stacy's place, the O & P Inn, at Chicago; that George Ziegler is the one that handled the machine gun at the Kansas City Massacre on June 17, 1933; that Verne Miller drove the automobile, and that "Old Fitz" was also in the massacre; that George Ziegler and his wife lived at an apartment house at Scoville and West Madison Sts., Chicago, in November 1931; that the apartment house is the only apartment house on the corner, and is on the northwest corner of the intersection of Scoville and West Madison Streets, and is up over a grocery store; that the name of George Ziegler was on a card on the mailbox in that apartment house; that George Ziegler is about 28 or 29 years of age; height about 5 ft. 9 in. or 10 in.; weight, about 160 lbs.; light hair; light blue or grey eyes; light complexion; German race.

Agent did not have his report dated June 26, 1933, in his possession at the time of interviewing Arthur Johnson, alias "Red" Price, and it is possible that much of the foregoing information is contained in that report, and it is also possible that the report of June 26, 1933, contained information obtained from Arthur Johnson at that time, which he did not repeat at the instant interview with him, and the report of June 26, 1933, entitled "Verne G. Miller, with aliases - Fugitive I.O. #1195, et al, Obstruction of Justice", should be considered in connection with this report.

Photograph of Charles Wheeler, #15297, Colorado State Penitentiary, is being forwarded to both the St. Paul and Chicago Offices.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE AT LAUNING, KANSAS, STATE PENITENTIARY: Will ascertain the identity of the guard who was formerly employed at the Colorado State Penitentiary, and from him ascertain the identity of "Old Fitz", alias "Charley" alias "Chuck", who is alleged to have

been paroled from the Kansas State Penitentiary about four years ago.

THE ST. PAUL OFFICE: Will make such investigation as the allegations contained herein may warrant and will direct such leads to the Chicago Office and to its own office as the contents warrant.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 22, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file No. 7-30

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that LEE TURNER, mentioned as a suspect in the Holland, Michigan bank robbery, and who has been suggested as a possible subject in this case, is serving a sentence for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Please check the records of the Division to determine if this is true. In order that the Division will not expend time in considering this individual in its single fingerprint file, and otherwise, it is believed that in the event Lee Turner is confined, the Chicago, Detroit and Kansas City offices should be notified, as well as this office.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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March 5, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 22, 1934, concerning the above entitled case, you are informed that the Division's records reflect that on October 22, 1933, Lee Turner was received in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas to serve one year and one day for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. The files of the Identification Unit do not indicate that Turner has been released.

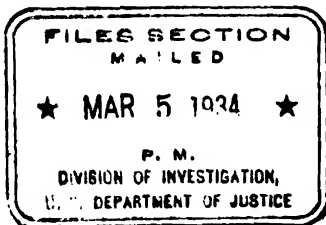
I am transmitting a copy of this letter to the Chicago, Detroit and Kansas City offices and to each copy as well as to the original of this letter directed to you, I am appending a copy of Turner's criminal history.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #201845

cc Chicago  
cc Detroit  
cc Kansas City



*[Handwritten signature]*  
*[Handwritten initials]*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1934.

MR. NATHAN...  
MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COWLEY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
MR. EGAN...  
MR. QUINN...  
MR. LESTER...  
MR. LOCKE...  
MR. RORER...

EPC:ON

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

At 9:30 P.M. Saturday night an identification was effected in the Bremer Case when a latent print appearing on one of four gasoline cans submitted by the St. Paul office was identified as the right index finger of Arthur Barker, our #289428. The identification was effected by Mr. Deiss of the Technical Section of the Identification Unit and confirmed by me.

At the suggestion of Mr. Clegg I called the St. Paul office and furnished the information to Mr. Rorer. He requested that the Division files be searched and the names of all recent accomplices of Barker be rechecked against all the latent prints in the Bremer case. Mr. Newby has furnished fourteen such names which are recorded below and rechecking is being conducted:

Fred Barker, our file 59163.  
Edward Bentz, our file 15279.  
Theodore Bentz, our file 510598.  
Harry Campbell, our file 419856.  
Volney Davis, our file 400441.  
Alvin Karpis, our file 199217.  
John H. Luger, our file 515201.  
Alvis Rayton, our file 676983.  
Bernard Phillips, our file 338905.  
John (Urban) Roland, our file 515120.  
Harry A. Sawyer, #29622 U.S.P., Leavenworth, Kans.  
Samuel Schrager, our file 182772.  
W. C. Wieseman, our file 88986.  
Edward Wilhite, our file 75894.

Respectfully,

E. F. Coffey

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1934.

IHC:DSS

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Alt called from Tampa. He advised that LaRue positively refused to give any further information until his wife was released. He had stated that he was in Gary, Indiana, sometime ago with three other men and they propositioned him to go to Rochester to pull a job. He also stated they wanted him to go to Kankakee, Illinois, and snatch ex-Governor Small's son. They talked this over but he refused to go in on it. He said that later on these fellows went to St. Paul and pulled a job and if his wife gets out he will tell the name of one of the men, that through this man the other men can be picked up on the Bremer job.

I also talked with Agent Andersen, who states that he does not believe LaRue will give further information until the woman is released.

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Mr. Alt was told that if the United States Attorney is agreeable it should be ascertained from her whether she would be willing to stay around until the investigation is completed; that she should be released but she should be guarded and her movements covered to see that she does not get in touch with anyone. Mr. Alt stated that they would keep her at her house in St. Petersburg. Mr. Alt was further told that they should tell LaRue definitely that as soon as he talks we will first verify some of the details to see if they are true, and if it is found that they are true, we will let her go.

Mr. Alt stated that the house had been searched. They found some letters, apparently of no value, and the two guns, which have been referred to before.

Mr. Alt was further told that he should inform LaRue that the complaint against his wife will not be dismissed and if he fails to talk she can be picked up at a moment's notice.

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Respectfully,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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H. H. Clegg.

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J. E. Doyle

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February 20, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Purvis called from Chicago (11:00 A. M.). He stated that he had intended writing a letter to the Washington Field Office requesting that Alexander Jans be contacted at the Willard Hotel in connection with the Woolverton kidnaping case but he doubted the advisability of this and thought that he should send the letter to the Director and if the Director thought it was O. K., he could turn it over to the field office. Mr. Purvis was advised that this would be better.

Mr. Purvis requested that the Division advise him immediately if it has any record on Jockey Ross, alias James Martin, Folsom, California, #14164. Mr. Purvis states that this man came in yesterday and advised him that he was reforming; that this man claims that he can get next to Frisco Dutch in St. Paul. Mr. Purvis is going to talk to him again today. He requested that if the Division has a record on this individual, it be sent to him by Air Mail. I have called the Identification Division to have a search made in this connection.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
February 23, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM  
Kidnaping      Detroit file 7-25

Referring to the recent circularization of peace and bank officials in the district covered by this office with bank note listings of the ransom money paid in the Bremer kidnaping case, kindly be informed that, after a complete circularization of mailing lists at this office, it appears that approximately 200 copies of the circulars are now remaining in this office and are available for use by the Division, if desired.

In that respect, it is requested that the Division inform this office of its wishes regarding the disposition of the extra circulars.

Very truly yours,

*M. W. McKinnis*  
M. W. McKinnis, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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March 5, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated  
February 23, 1934 relative to a surplus of 200  
lists of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnapping  
cases.

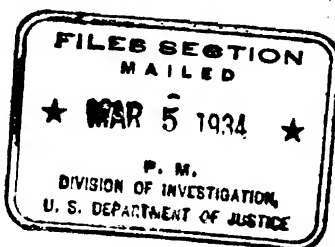
The Division desires that you make any  
further distribution of these lists that you deem  
fit. Copies remaining may be retained by you to  
accommodate any future requests therefor.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter addressed  
to Mr. George A. Shea, Director of Investigation,  
Canadian National Railways which is self explanatory.  
Mr. Brandes full address is: Superintendent of  
Investigation, Grand Trunk Western Lines, Detroit,  
Michigan. Kindly add his name to your list for  
subsequent circularization of this nature.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #382543.



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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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BREMER CASE RE YOUR WIRE CONCERNING P H NEWBALD AND EMILY  
NEWBALD STOP ONLY INFORMATION OBTAINABLE DISCLOSES P H  
NEWBALD ALIAS PHILIP NEWBOLD ARRESTED AS YOUR WIRE AGE THIRT  
MACHINIST AMERICAN MARRIED NO PRINTS TAKEN STOP EMILY NEWBAL  
AGE THIRTY THREE OR THIRTY FOUR HEIGHT FIVE FEET FIVE WEIGHT  
HUNDRED FORTY TO HUNDRED FORTY FIVE BUILD STOCKY HAIR BLACK  
COMPLEXION FAIR HAS DAUGHTER ELEVEN OR TWELVE YEARS OLD STOP  
NO RECORD OF ARREST OF EMILY NEWBALD AND NO PRINTS LETTER  
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PURVIS.

- MR. NATHAN
- MR. TOLSON
- MR. CLEGG
- MR. COWLEY
- MR. EDWARDS
- MR. EGAN
- MR. QUINN
- MR. LESTER
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases;  
Unknown Subjects;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Attached hereto you will find a copy of a letter I have written the St. Paul office in the above captioned case, and from the latter part thereof, it will be observed that Agent Perkins interviewed one Tom Antone, a convict at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, who desires to work with Agents of this Division, or any officers, in an effort to locate these subjects, or any of them.

At the time Agent Perkins was at the State Penitentiary in McAlester, Mr. Dunn, the Deputy Warden, told him that Antone, although he is a convict and has escaped, is thoroughly reliable and any promises made by Antone, he would keep; that he feels that Antone is in a position to locate the parties mentioned, that is, possibly the Barkers, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and Campbell; that Antone is courageous and would be willing to take all kinds of chances; that he, Dunn, or the Warden, could make arrangements, if desired, for Antone to work with the Agents and that a report could be circulated to the effect that Antone had again escaped, which, of course, would be fictitious, and that once on the outside, he could work with Agents of the Division undercover.

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No commitments in respect to this matter, however, have been made by this Division. My recommendation of such a thing is unfavorable, but I am submitting it to you for such instructions as you desire to furnish me in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

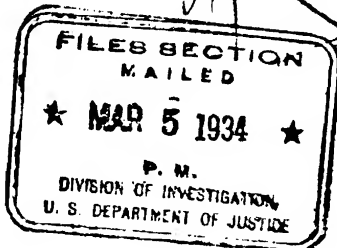
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

In reply to your letter dated February 23, 1934,  
wherein you refer to a proposed plan whereby one Tom Antone, a  
convict now serving sentence at the State Penitentiary, McAlester,  
Oklahoma, could be released for the purpose of assisting this  
Division in locating and apprehending members of the Barker-Karpis  
gang, this plan having been proposed by Mr. Dunn, the Deputy  
Warden at the Penitentiary, please be advised that the Division  
does not concur in such a plan and, therefore, you should not take  
any action with respect thereto.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Mr. Rorer, St. Paul.



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February 23, 1934.

Mr. R. A. Alt,  
Tampa Terrace Hotel,  
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

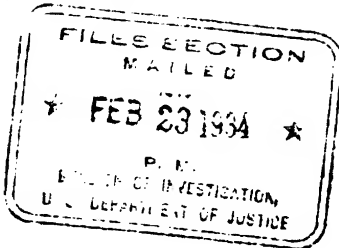
In accordance with your request made by telephone to the Division there is transmitted herewith one set of photographs of the original getaway chart found after the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #787131.

AIR MAIL.



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St. Paul, Minn.  
February 22, 1934.

## DECODED MESSAGE

M H PURVIS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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CHICAGO ILLINOIS

0 BREXID REFER MY LETTER YESTERDAY REGARDING HIDEOUT MAKE SIMILAR INVESTIGATION  
CARY and CRYSTAL LAKE ILLINOIS BURLINGTON WISCONSIN DOUGLASS HAS NIGHT CLUB  
LATTER PLACE AND LOUIE CERNOKY IN CARY

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Jacksonville, Florida</b>                         | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>Feb. 24, 1934</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>Feb. 21-23, 1934</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>R. L. Shivers</b>                       |
| TITLE<br><b>EDWARD DOLL with aliases<br/>IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1214</b> |  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Foley admits robbing a bank in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, in 1933, and a bank at Turner Falls, Massachusetts, December 15, 1933, and names participants in each robbery. He also names persons responsible for the Grand Haven, Michigan Bank robbery in the summer of 1933, and some of those participating in the robbery of the Holland State Bank, Holland, Michigan. He believes the get-away map found which is referred to in connection with the Bremer kidnaping is the one used in the Grand Haven robbery and not in the Holland job. Foley questioned concerning numerous suspects in the Bremer kidnaping.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, Jacksonville, Florida, February 23, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

**AT TAMPA, FLORIDA:**

**ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS, BANK ROBBERY**

In the further interrogation of Foley on February 23, 1934, he stated to the writer and Special Agent H. E. Andersen that in April, 1933, while he and Doris Foley were in Saint Petersburg, Florida, he

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left there and met George Kelley and George Bates in Hot Springs, Arkansas; and robbed a bank at Arkadelphia, Arkansas; that he stopped at the Como Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas, with George Bates probably under the name of Lang, Long or some short name; that it took about a week to prepare for this robbery, getting the layout of the bank and mapping the get-away after the robbery. The bank had been originally spotted by Kelley and Bates.

In robbing this bank they used a Ford sedan owned jointly by the three of them; that they entered the bank in the afternoon just before closing time and used one sub-machine gun which was carried by Foley. They obtained between \$2,500 and \$3,000 in cash. Foley drove the car away from the bank and in some town about eighteen miles southwest of Arkadelphia they ran into the Sheriff and four of his deputies and engaged in a shooting combat with the Sheriff's forces, but they managed to escape without being injured. They drove to Shawnee, Oklahoma, where Foley left them and proceeded by bus to Oklahoma City to the Skirvin Hotel. Foley then took a plane from Oklahoma City to Atlanta, Georgia, and was met there by Doris Foley at the airport and they drove back to Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Foley stated that the bank statement issued by this bank indicated cash in the sum of \$16,000 and after they had robbed it they learned that about three weeks prior it had been robbed by three boys who obtained \$10,000 and who were later captured and sentenced for the robbery.

#### TURNER FALLS, MASSACHUSETTS, BANK ROBBERY

##### PARTICIPANTS:

Ed Bentz  
Eddie Foley

With regard to this robbery, Foley informed the writer and Special Agent H. E. Andersen that he spotted the bank at Turner Falls, Massachusetts, while residing with Doris Foley at the home of her parents in Danville, Vermont, and that on December 13, 1933, he and Ed Bentz robbed this bank securing \$18,000 in cash; that they went into the bank about twenty minutes to eight in the morning before the bank opened; that there was no one in the bank at

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the time except the janitor and thereafter four employees came into the bank and were taken into custody and forced to lie down on the floor of the bank; that the time lock on the vault came off about eight-fifteen; that he and Bentz only used revolvers for this job and a Ford sedan which had been borrowed by Eddie Bentz from the owner of a road house out of Chicago which was used as a meeting place by the men on the Effingham mail robbery. Foley was unable, however, to state where this road house is located.

He stated that he mapped the get-away on this job and in preparing for it spent several days in Albany, New York, in the Wellington Hotel at times and one other night at a tourist home on the outskirts of the city; that he spent one night at the tourist home with Doris Foley and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Glenn Crane; that he believes Bentz stopped at the Wellington Hotel in Albany a day or so before the robbery occurred.

When asked to account for the \$9,000 he received as his share of the loot in this robbery he stated that he paid up a considerable amount of money he owed and sent it back to Chicago by Eddie Bentz. In this connection, he stated that he had at times borrowed money from Frank Hayes and that he had been straight with every bank robber and contact man with whom he has ever dealt.

#### BREMER KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago Office directed to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, Saint Petersburg, Florida, February 14, 1934, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING - Chicago file 7-82, and to letter from the Detroit Office to the Saint Paul Office dated February 9, 1934, in the same subject matter. It is noted in the communications just referred to that there is strong reason to believe that the perpetrators of the Holland State Bank, Holland, Michigan, bank robbery in September, 1932, are the persons responsible for the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings as laboratory tests

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of a road chart found in an abandoned automobile of the Holland bank robbery and of ransom notes in the Hamm kidnaping disclosed that the same typewriter was used in those notes and was also the same typewriter used in writing the ransom notes in the Bremer case.

Eddie Foley informed the writer and Special Agent H. E. Andersen on February 23, 1934, that the Holland State Bank was robbed by Big Homer, Lee Turner, another man whose name he could not recall at the time, and others unknown to him.

Foley stated that he was not in on the robbery but from his information the participants engaged in a shooting with officers but he did not know if it were at the time of the robbery or later out on the roads. He stated that this bank had been put up to him and he had turned it down in 1932 after looking it over and deciding that he could not map a safe get-away; that he had attempted to map a get-away from the robbery but after finding he could not make a safe one he destroyed the get-away chart, to the best of his recollection.

He also stated that one of the men on the Holland job who is unknown to him is the same man who was to have participated with him in the Effingham mail robbery, but who failed to show up and was left out of the latter job.

Lee Turner, according to Foley, was arrested in Chicago last summer on some automobile charge and was taken to Danville, Illinois, where he was sentenced in the Federal Court to a short term in a Federal prison or jail.

Foley stated that as far as he knows the automobile used by the robbers on this job was not abandoned and the get-away map was never found and that he has never been advised by any of the participants to the contrary.

It is observed from the letters just referred to that the get-away map on the Holland robbery was found and that laboratory analysis of the paper indicates that the typewriter on which the get-away was written is the same machine as was used in writing the Hamm and Bremer ransom notes.

Questioned as to any robbery in which the automobile had been abandoned, Foley stated that in the Grand Haven, Michigan, robbery which occurred in the summer, probably June, of 1933, which was staged by Whitey Anderson, Wayne Whitey and one Earl, Eddie Bentz, Jack Pfeiffer's brother and a driver; that the driver left the robbers flat at the bank and ran away in the car, later abandoning it, leaving the get-away map in the car. He stated that this information was imparted to him by Eddie Bentz, one of the participants, two days after the robbery occurred and that in his opinion the get-away map thought to have been that on the Holland job is in reality the get-away map used on the Grand Haven job; that if this is true there is no question but what some of the participants in the Grand Haven robbery are responsible for the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

Foley stated that if he could observe the get-away map in question he could easily determine whether it was the map used in the Grand Haven or the Holland jobs and expressed the opinion that the get-away map for the former robbery was prepared by Eddie Bentz.

The person referred to as Earl who participated in the Grand Haven robbery was shot at the time and captured. He was later sentenced to serve twenty-five years for this robbery in the Michigan State Prison.

Foley also stated that the same outfit who robbed the Grand Haven Bank was responsible for the subsequent robbery of a bank in Madison, Wisconsin; that Wayne Whitey was caught and prosecuted for the Madison job, which was pulled in the fall of 1933, and sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary at Wausau, Wisconsin.

With reference to the report of Special Agent William Larson, rendered at Detroit, Michigan, February 15, 1932, titled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING, it is noted on page three that Kathryn Kelley is quoted as saying that one Marty Cork alias Joyce and Leo Trent might be taken into consideration as suspects in this case; that these two individuals were closely associated with La Rue.

Foley positively denied knowing Corky alias Joyce. He admitted knowing Trent and stated that to the best of his knowledge he was serving time in a Federal prison on a counterfeiting charge during the period of the Hamm kidnaping.

With reference to letter from the Chicago Office to the Division on February 8, 1934, in the Bremer kidnaping case, Foley stated that he has never heard of Grover Comstock, Robert Smith or Michael De Laurentis, who appear to have disposed of certain bonds coming from the robbery of the Holland bank. He advised, however, that he had heard that several individuals had been arrested for possession of the bonds but said he had no definite information with reference thereto. He was positive that the three individuals mentioned above did not participate in the Holland bank robbery.

In reference to statements appearing in letter from the Chicago Office to the Saint Paul Office under date of February 17, 1934, regarding the same case, to the effect that one Harry Sawyer, a Saint Paul saloon keeper, was a possible finger-man in both the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings, Foley stated that he had no information relative thereto, saying that he did not know him.

In paragraph four, page three of this same letter, mention is made that Big Homer sometime in 1933 was seen in Ballard and Frazier's Restaurant in Chicago on Lake Street near State Street. Foley stated that he had never heard of this restaurant being used as a hangout, but was widely known as a political gathering place.

In the last paragraph of this same letter, information appears to the effect that Big Homer married a Chicago girl in either 1923 or 1924. In this connection, Foley stated that to his knowledge Big Homer was married about five years ago to a Catholic girl; that this girl bears a very good reputation and does not know that Big Homer is a hoodlum, but believes him to be a prosperous broker. Foley further stated that he believed the marriage was performed by a Catholic priest but stated that he did not know who appeared as witnesses.



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With reference to the same letter, on page two, paragraph four, information is set forth that Big Homer is a very good friend of one Willie Harrison, a former Saint Louis Police character, who now operates a saloon in Calumet City, Illinois. Foley stated that this information is correct as Big Homer and Harrison are very good friends.

With reference to the allegation made that Harrison was arrested at Chicago, Illinois, between 1930 and 1932 for participation in a bank robbery at Jefferson, Wisconsin, Foley stated that this information is incorrect as Harrison has never been in any trouble.

In a letter from the Chicago Office, dated February 10, 1934, to the Saint Paul Division Office, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING, mention is made that Edward La Rue alias Foley was possibly associated in the Bremer kidnaping with Clarence (Doc) Eaton, John Water alias Go-About-Reilly alias John Davis, Frisco Dutch and possibly some others. Foley commented that he did not know any of the individuals mentioned above except Go-About-Reilly whom he termed as a cheap gambler and hanger-on. He expressed doubt that this individual would participate in any crime requiring nerve.

Foley stated that there was no truth to the statement in paragraph one, page two of the letter just mentioned to the effect that he was arrested at Des Moines, Iowa, in company of Frisco Dutch in the Spring of 1932.

It will be observed in the report of reference in listing the participants in the Lincoln National Bank and Trust Company robbery, one is referred to as One Shorty. Foley now states that this individual is JAMES L. RIPLEY and that he is now living under that name at Cochabamba, Bolivia, South America. It has been ascertained that this city is the capital of the Department of Cochabamba and is a city of 21,861 population, located in the western central part of Bolivia.

Foley states that in 1931, Ripley sent a pair of silver spurs to Gus Stone, perhaps under some alias, and a silver novelty set to Frank Hayes in Chicago; that Hayes informed him that he had to pay duty on the package when he received it and

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that the package for Gus Stone which came at the same time may have been received in care of Hayes, or some cigar store near the Northwestern Depot, where Gus hangs out and receives mail. Foley stated he believes he can pick out the location of this drug store from a map of the city of Chicago. He also stated that if he had a map of the streets of that city he believed he could locate a house where at one time he drove Gus Stone. It will be remembered that Gus Stone is the man Foley believes to be responsible for the Kansas City Massacre.

Foley described James Ripley as follows:

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| Age:        | 32 years                                  |
| Height:     | 6 feet 1 inch                             |
| Weight:     | 175 pounds                                |
| Build:      | Medium                                    |
| Hair:       | Dark brown - wavy                         |
| Complexion: | Medium                                    |
| Birthplace: | Portland, Oregon                          |
| School:     | Attended in Portland, Oregon              |
| Occupation: | Practical civil engineer - self educated. |

Reference is here made to wire from the Chicago Office to the Jacksonville Office on February 21, 1934, requesting that photograph of Jack French alias Homer French, Miami, Florida, Police Department number 2543, be obtained and exhibited to Foley to determine whether identical with Big Homer.

This photograph was viewed by Foley and he stated that he did not know the man by name and could not identify the face but that he is NOT Big Homer and does not even resemble him.

In a telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg of the Division on February 23, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Alt furnished the substance of the above information and requested that the get-away map referred to herein be transmitted to him at Tampa, Florida, for inspection by Foley.

The information incorporated herein was submitted to the writer and Special Agent H. E. Andersen in interviews with Foley from February 21 to February 23, 1934.

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**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**BOSTON AND OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICES:** At Turner Falls, Massachusetts, and Arkadelphia, Arkansas, will make appropriate investigation, checking Foley's statements relative to bank robberies in above cities.

**PENDING.**

**ADDENDUM BY SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. A. ALT:**

Foley advised on February 23, 1934, that he had no respect or regard for anyone connected with the Kansas City killing and that if he could furnish any information that would lead to the solution of this crime he would do it and reiterated his previous statements that Gus Stone was believed to be the trigger man. He also said that Gus Stone, from information he had secured, was one of the perpetrators of the two most recent big mail robberies in Chicago within the last year. He also voiced the opinion that some of the participants in those robberies were with him in the Kansas City case. He said that he believed that if he would aid the Government in breaking this case he would help himself.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 23, 1934.

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| Mr. Nathan.....  |
| MR. Tolson.....  |
| MR. Clegg.....   |
| MR. Cowley.....  |
| MR. Edwards..... |
| MR. Egan.....    |
| MR. Quinn.....   |
| MR. Lester.....  |
| MR. Locke.....   |
| MR. Rorer.....   |

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Rorer called. There are no new developments of importance. Nothing of value has been obtained from the victim. He claims he never heard of the suspects, which Rorer knows is not true because, in fact, everyone around St. Paul has heard of them. He says he needs more men; that he thinks it is important that all leads be handled expeditiously; that he has a number of them that are stacked up. I told him the Director was in favor of him having all the men he needed in order to get the case concluded at the earliest possible moment. He asked that <sup>six</sup> ~~three~~ be sent immediately and stated that he would probably need some more later on. He will advise us.

He advised that he did not consider it necessary for Mr. Nathan to remain there longer.

He advised that Mr. Nathan has received a telephone call from a newspaper man this afternoon indicating that three flashlights had been found in Wisconsin. Rorer stated Mr. Nathan made no comment whatsoever and the newspapers indicated they were going to publish this story and indicated it would be the newspaper man's belief that the hideout was believed to be in Wisconsin. Mr. Rorer states that the story originated from the fact that before the lights were identified some Agent had made inquiries in Wisconsin as to the possible sale of these lights.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

In connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN  
SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, the following in-  
formation is set forth for record purposes.

The duplicate typewritten copies of the original  
ransom notes were prepared on a Corona Special, three-bank  
keyboard, used typewriter No. JX652304, which was borrowed  
from the local L. C. Smith-Corona agency.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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GEORGE GAULD  
CHIEF CONSTABLE



P. O. BOX 2378  
PHONE: NORTH 68

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.

February 21st, 1934.

John Edgar Hoover Esq.,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

FEB 23 1934

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge your list of Bank notes  
paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.

Should any of the notes come to my notice I will advise  
your nearest Division Office at once.

Assuring you of my co-operation in this matter.

Yours truly,

*Geo Gauld*  
Chief Constable.

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February 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

In regard to your memorandum attached, dated February 20, 1934, covering a conversation had with Inspector Rorer and in which are listed the names of the Agents which Mr. Rorer desires to have assigned to him, I have approved the list as given, namely, Special Agents Hall, Coulter, Motesteen, Halls, Noonan, Peterson, Reinecke and Fortenberry. Mr. Rorer has indicated by telephone conversation with me that he is also desirous of having Mr. Brennan included in this list, and this is approved. Special Agent in Charge Blake has been directed to return to Dallas, Texas.

As previously indicated, I would like to have you draft a letter to Mr. Rorer, with copies to Mr. Hanni and Mr. Nathan, indicating the approval of this arrangement, and the fact that Mr. Rorer is to be in charge of this case, that it is to be handled as a special assignment, and Mr. Rorer is to be authorized to call upon any one for assistance in this matter.

In regard to the second paragraph of your memorandum of February 20 concerning the informant by the name [REDACTED] I wish that you would have this matter carefully followed up in an effort to locate him so as to obtain the information desired by Mr. Rorer.

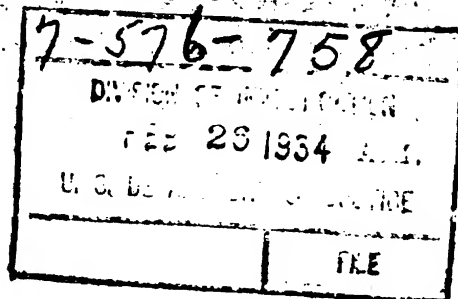
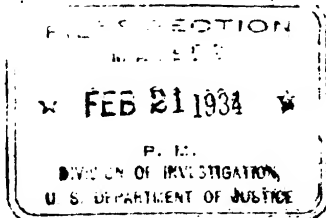
Also, see that the details concerning the law enforcement situation in St. Paul and Minneapolis, upon which I desire a memorandum to be prepared for the Attorney General and Mr. Stanley, are carefully checked and verified and a memorandum prepared as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In response to your telegram of February 24,  
there are transmitted herewith ten photographs of  
Dorothy Slaymon.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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401 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
February 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from your office addressed to the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois under date of February 17, 1934, requesting the names of the registered owners, addresses, and make of car for a number of 1933 license plates.

The records of this office have been checked, and the following information is being forwarded to you in this connection. The body type on the various cars listed is not shown in the records available to this office; however, it is presumed that same will be furnished you by the Secretary of State.

Illinois 1933 license 175-678 was issued to Raymond H. Burdorf, 1314 South East Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois, for Chevrolet motor No. 352561, serial No. 21AC21056.

Illinois 1933 license 176-687 was issued to Charles P. Micucci, 3541 Augusta Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, for Chevrolet motor No. 1556688, serial No. 21AD18862.

Illinois 1933 license 176-768 was issued to Alice Libby Weissheimer, 449 Briar Place, Chicago, Illinois, for Buick motor No. F 112941, serial No. E 2701199.

Illinois 1933 license 176-786 was issued to Herman F. Bruhn, 5257 W. Congress Street, Chicago, Illinois for Buick motor No. F 2180351, serial No. E 2287413.

Illinois 1933 license 176-867 was issued to Albert Dedie, 2528 S. Clifton Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for Ford motor No. E A103078.

Illinois 1933 license 176-876 was issued to E. C. Juniac, 4827 Lee Street, Niles Center, Illinois for Ford motor No. 1164268.

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Illinois 1933 license 176-367 was issued to Harry F. Nafe, 4766 W. Cornelia Street, Chicago, Illinois, for Chevrolet motor No. 2252630, Serial No. 21V12409.

Illinois 1933 license 176-376 was issued to Frank Thompson, 1350 Westport Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for Plymouth motor No. 71045, Serial No. 1006861.

Illinois 1933 license 176-637 was issued to Bethany Swedish M E Church, Winnemac & Ashland Avenues, Chicago, Illinois, for Buick motor No. F 2509310, serial No. E 2365188.

Illinois 1933 license 176-673 was issued to John M. Henderson, 4147 Deyo Avenue, Congress Park, Illinois, for Packard motor No. F 503495, serial No. E 340562.

Illinois 1933 license 176-736 was issued to A. Rabinowitz, 2630 Iowa Street, Chicago, Illinois, for Buick motor No. F 2365955, serial No. E 2510646.

Illinois 1933 license 176-763 was issued to Julius Bolbat, 4546 S. Mozart Street, Chicago, Illinois, for Reo motor No. F C20005, serial No. E CD17200.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
cc Chicago

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
P. O. Box # 987  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

February 24, 1934

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Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto copies of an anonymous communication addressed to the Editor of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph pertaining to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim, KIDNAPING.

No investigative efforts are being expended upon this communication at the present time. I will, however, maintain contacts with representatives of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph for the purpose of ascertaining whether additional communications of this type are received.

Very truly yours,

E. A. TAMM  
Special Agent in Charge

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EDITOR SUN-TELEGRAPH

Dear Editor:

Of the four men implicated in the Bremer kidnaping case there are but two alive today. Having been chauffeur for two of the men who planned and executed the kidnaping, I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to inform you that my other two friends fought out an argument to a simultaneous death finish in some mountainous district in the northern part of Pennsylvania a few days ago while both were under the influence of whiskey. I want the world to know that I want to be absolved from all blame concerning this bastardly outrage. To show that I am not at heart a kidnaper I shall give you my word of honor that if the police are kept out of this affair I will send in the information telling exactly how and where at least \$120,000 of the \$200,000 ransom can be retrieved by the police or the Bremer family. I shall not divulge at this time what our intentions were while in Pennsylvania, other than that my late bosses intended the kidnaping of some prominent Pittsburgh statesman. At present I am living on the outskirts of Pittsburgh but I shall be too glad when the time is opportune for me to give out the information concerning the exact location of \$120,000, which is hidden in a spot in another state. I am the only living person that knows this spot of the hidden treasure. I was tricked into this mess by the leader of this gang but now that he is no more I am ready to relinquish the money in favor of my good name. I want to go back home and be married.

The other man who has gotten a cut in this affair is a man I do not know and, I am sure, who does not know me. This man received \$50,000 \$25,000 in \$5 bills and the balance in \$10 bills. I drove the car to ascertain place in \_\_\_\_\_ two nights after the ransom was paid but all my leaders told me was that I should keep guard of the car, that they were going to pay a 1/2 cut to a man that had given them the leads in regards to Bremer's daily movements. So as to the whereabouts of this fourth man, or much less, his description, I know nothing.

Cooperate with me and more information shall be forthcoming.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 23, 1934.

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cc  
Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. C. Jamison, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 22, 1934, listing purchasers of Cluett-Peabody & Company shirt K-2419-Park C.

It will be noted that the address of Redeker and Van De Zande, mentioned at the bottom of page seven of the above report, was not available at the time this report was submitted.

Through Mr. Gates, of Cluett-Peabody & Company, it was ascertained this date, that the address of Redeker and Van De Zande is Waupun, Wisconsin, which address is in the Chicago District.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith  
W. A. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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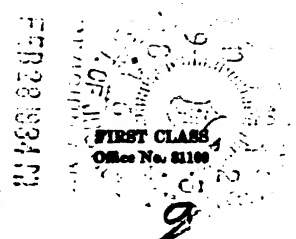
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Feb. 21, 1934

United States Department of Justice,  
Division of Investigation,  
Attention, Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your circular  
letter of the 8th instant, entitled

"List of Bank Notes Paid as  
Ransom in Kidnapping Cases."

which will be given prompt attention, along the lines  
requested in your letter.

Sincerely,

*Henry R. Brown*

Acting Post master

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INCORPORATED  
NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT  
SPECIAL AGENTS BUREAU  
250 WEST 26TH STREET  
NEW YORK

F. A. HERDLING,  
CHIEF SPECIAL AGENT

February 24, 1934

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have received one copy of your list of bank notes  
paid as ransom in kidnapping cases.

Will you please advise if copies of this information  
have been sent to the other Chief Special Agents of this  
company and if you have a surplus, I wonder if I could have  
35 copies for distribution to our Cashiers and Money Clerks  
in this city.

Promptly upon receipt of the lists they will be  
placed in the hands of the New York City employees receiving  
cash from the public.

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Mr. F. A. Herdling,  
Chief Special Agent,  
Railway Express Agency,  
250 West 26th Street,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Herdling:-

I am in the receipt of your communication dated February 24, 1934, wherein you refer to the Division of Investigation circular listing bank notes used as ransom in kidnapping cases.

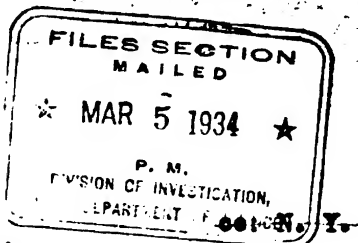
With reference to your query whether other Chief Special Agents of your company have been furnished copies of this list, I desire to advise that distribution was made through the various field offices of this Division. I am, therefore, directing Mr. F. X. Fay who is the Special Agent in Charge of the New York office of the Division of Investigation to contact you for the purpose of securing the names and addresses of your other Chief Special Agents in order that they may be furnished with copies of this list if this has not already been done. I am also directing Mr. Fay to supply you with the additional copies of the list that you have requested.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



Wm



RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, ARTHUR BARKER with aliases, Unknown subjects- Edward G. Bremer, Victim of Kidnaping.

February 22, 1934  
St. Paul, Minn.

WILEY RAM

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR BAKER

I called on the five daily papers in St. Paul and Minneapolis on February 22, 1934, with reference to the names and addresses of their dealers having news stands in the United States, and submitted the following information:

At the Minneapolis Tribune, E. E. Burke, subscription manager, was contacted and he supplied the list which is attached for that paper. This list represents the names and addresses of all news dealers in the cities mentioned, who either have news stands where they sell this paper, or who might distribute it to other news stands within the same city.

This list does not include Iowa, Wisconsin, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and Northern Peninsula of Michigan. These States are eliminated in view of the fact that the total list would have comprised three thousand names. Should you at any time desire the name of the news dealer in any particular city in the States eliminated, this can be secured on further request from Mr. Burke.

At the Minneapolis Star agent contacted M.E. Fisher, Manager, Country circulation, who supplied the attached list, headed with the name of that paper. This list excludes the news dealers in the State of Minnesota, and also Wisconsin, with the exception of Milwaukee in Wisconsin, and some few small communities in North and South Dakota.

At the Minneapolis Journal, Agent contacted G. B. Bickelhaupt, business manager and H. W. Hontz, Country circulation manager. By cutting up their mailing list they applied the names and addresses of newstand dealers or news dealers who supply news stands in what they call their foreign territory, which excludes the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, and Iowa. These names and addresses are contained in the envelopes attached hereto, one envelope containing those news dealers which secure only the Sunday edition, and the other dealers securing Sunday and weekday editions.

At the St. Paul Daily news Agent contacted H. Shugard, Circulation Manager, who supplied the attached list, which covers all news dealers outside of the Twin Cities, which are supplied with his newspaper. The daily news does not have a very large foreign circulation, even within neighboring States, as may be noted from the list.

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At the St. Paul Dispatch, and Pioneer Press, Agent contacted George E. Ekerstrom, Country circulation manager, who supplied the list attached for his paper. This list you will note is a very extensive one, but includes all news dealers outside of the Twin Cities. It is alphabetical by States. The first 11 pages, down to the point where is written in pencil "and all carrier agents", represent agents who distribute within their own community, including distribution to hotel cigar stands drug stores, restaurants, etc. The balance of the list represents dealers who have the papers for sale in their own places of business, such as drug stores, railroad cigar counters, restaurants, hotels, newsstands, etc. The last pages of the list headed Miscellaneous, includes news dealers in which you are probably most interested, being those in outlying States of the country.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. REINECKE,

Special Agent.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 22, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover there is being transmitted today the cap which was found in the automobile bearing Shell signs, which car was used by Walter Magee in the delivery of the ransom money, in order that it may be examined by the laboratory for evidentiary value.

It is requested that efforts be made to locate the manufacturer or distributor of this cap, in order that efforts may be made to ascertain where it was purchased.

This cap was recently exhibited to an employee of the store in St. Paul where the three flashlights were purchased, and was identified as being worn by the purchaser of the flashlights, Alvin Karpis. Recently this cap was exhibited to Father Deere, and Mrs. John Miller, but not identified. The last above mentioned exhibitions are explained in a report now being submitted by Special Agent R. C. Coulter.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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Division of Investigation

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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 22, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

The Division's attention is invited to the St. Paul file No. 26-2328 involving Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. The records of this office show that the above named was sentenced on December 11, 1933, to one year and one day in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. This advice is given to the Division in order that no efforts will be made to carry his fingerprints in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes in this case.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Kansas City office in view of the fact that on January 15, 1934, Merle A. Gill prepared a photograph of this individual, which was later sent to this office, Fitzgerald then being considered a suspect in this kidnaping. It is presumed that Fitzgerald is in the Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
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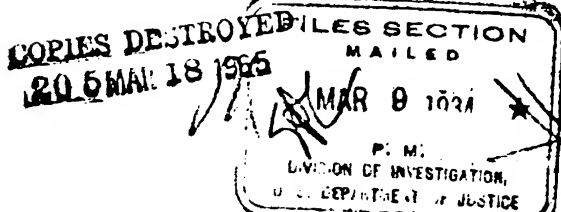
Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter dated February 22, 1934, wherein you invite the Division's attention to file 26-2328 of the St. Paul Office, involving Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and advise that the records of the St. Paul Office show that this individual was sentenced on December 11, 1933 to serve one year and one day in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas and, therefore, the fingerprints of this individual should not be considered in connection with the above entitled case.

Please be advised that a review of the file entitled John Hammond, with aliases, including the alias Charles J. Fitzgerald, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, at the Division, reflects that this individual on December 11, 1933 entered a plea of guilty at Minneapolis, Minnesota and on January 8, 1934 was sentenced to serve one year and one day in the Leavenworth Penitentiary by Federal Judge Molyneux. The records of the Bureau of Prisons at Washington, D. C. reflect that this individual was received at Leavenworth on February 10, 1934.

In the absence of information to the contrary, as reflected in the file at the Division, the Division does not deem it advisable to make the presumption that this individual was in custody continuously between the date December 11, 1933 and February 10, 1934, inasmuch as it is entirely possible that he was at liberty on bond. Therefore, it should be definitely





Mr. W. A. Rorer.

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ascertained whether this individual was or was not in custody between the dates December 11, 1933 and February 10, 1934.

Fitzgerald has been frequently mentioned throughout the investigation in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased), RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Identification Order #1201, and the Division has instructed the Kansas City Office to interview Fitzgerald with reference to this case, as well as the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Kansas City.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Saint Paul, Minnesota**

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| TITLE:<br><b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS<br/>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b> |   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>KIDNAPING</b>  |

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Edward Doll with aliases - Identification Order 1214 (in Federal custody at Tampa, Florida, in connection with a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act indictment pending against him at Peoria, Illinois) with reference to this case furnished information tending to implicate Whitey Anderson, Ed Bentz, and a brother of Jack Pfeiffer of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

## DETAILS:

### AT TAMPA, FLORIDA:

On February 14, 1934, in Saint Petersburg, Florida, Edward Doll with aliases, as E. Foley, was arrested. The following day he was taken into Federal custody on an indictment pending against him at Peoria, Illinois, charging violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and on the same day he was removed to Tampa, Florida, where he was interviewed concerning this case, the case under which he is indicted, the Lindbergh case, several mail robberies and a number of bank robberies. He implicated many persons in the admissions of these offenses, including himself, and also related in detail how he and Machine Gun Kelley kidnaped Howard A. Woolverton of South Bend, Indiana, on January 26, 1933.

In connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, Foley furnished the following information to Special Agents R. A. Alt, H. E. Andersen, R. L. Main and the writer:

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Foley was interrogated at great length to determine whether he had any connection with the Bremer case, or whether he knew any of the men who had committed the crime.

Foley most emphatically denied any connection with the offense, stating that at the time of the kidnaping and all the time that Bremer was held he was residing in Saint Petersburg, Florida, with his wife, Doris, which statement is verified by her and reputable citizens of Saint Petersburg, Florida; however, in this connection Foley stated that late last summer he registered under the name of Lang or Long at the Gary Hotel, Gary, Indiana, for the purpose of meeting one WHITEY ANDERSON, a convict who escaped from the Joliet Penitentiary within the last four years. (He previously had stated that Anderson escaped either from Joliet or Peoria, Illinois; however after refreshing his memory he stated quite positively that the escape was from Joliet.) He described Whitey Anderson as:

|             |                                |
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| Age:        | About thirty years             |
| Height:     | Between 5 feet 9 and 10 inches |
| Weight:     | 140 pounds                     |
| Build:      | Very slender                   |
| Complexion: | Light                          |
| Glasses:    | Given to wearing sun glasses   |
| Occupation: | Bank robber.                   |

Anderson at the time of his meetings with Foley was driving a Terraplane Essex sedan of dark color. Foley described him as a jumpy, nervous type who will shoot without provocation. According to Foley, Anderson has no outstanding characteristics, but is a good dresser and generally has a woman to travel around with him.

At this meeting, which was pre-arranged, there were present ED HENTZ and a BROTHER of JACK PFEIFFER of Saint Paul. Pfeiffer's brother was formerly in some legitimate business, a doctor or a druggist, or a businessman. He can be easily located and identified through his brother who is known to the Saint Paul Division Office.

During this meeting, which took place in a park in Gary, a discussion was had in connection with arranging for a kidnaping case and \$200,000 was mentioned as the ransom. Foley states

that he refused to take any part in this arrangement and that later Whitey and Bentz left Gary, intimating that they would kidnap a prominent doctor in Rochester, Minnesota, and that it is his opinion that for unknown reasons they were unable to carry out this and proceeded to Saint Paul where they pulled the Bremer job.

At this meeting, these men also discussed the kidnaping of ex-Governor Small's son in Kanakee, Illinois. In fact, this latter matter was the reason for the meeting in Gary. It developed during the conference that ex-Governor Small lived across the street from his son's home and his house was at that time believed to be under guard and for this reason the plan to kidnap his son was abandoned; however, during the discussion of the proposed Small kidnaping, it was stated by Bentz and Whitey Anderson that if he were kidnaped he would be held for a ransom of \$200,000 and that it would be handled in such a way as to keep it from being a Federal offense, and that commenting on their proposed trip to Rochester, Minnesota, to kidnap some prominent physician, Bentz and Anderson stated that he would be held for \$200,000 ransom and that if they should ever kidnap any person in the future it would be for ransom in the sum of \$200,000.

One WAYNE WHITEY, who is now serving twenty-five years for his participation in the robbery of the Madison Bank at Madison, Wisconsin, last fall, was to be the fourth man in the gang in the Rochester snatch.

It was Foley's opinion that the Bentz gang was responsible for the robbery of the bank at Grand Haven, Michigan, last summer at which time one of the members was shot and later sent to the Michigan State Prison for twenty-five years. The man who was caught and convicted was referred to by Foley as being named Earl. In Foley's opinion the persons who participated in that robbery are the same individuals responsible for the Bremer kidnaping.

In commenting on the robbery of the bank at Grand Haven, Michigan, Foley stated that the driver of the car ran off and left the other participants who had to make their getaway through the streets.

Foley stated that Pfeiffer's brother had been shot during the hold-up of the Northwestern Bank in either Saint Paul or Minneapolis, in 1932 or 1933, and for that reason he has a noticeable limp. He described the individual in question as follows:

|             |                            |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| Age:        | 36 to 40 years             |
| Height:     | 5 feet 9 or 10 inches      |
| Weight:     | 170 pounds                 |
| Build:      | Heavy                      |
| Hair:       | Dark                       |
| Complexion: | Medium dark                |
| Residence:  | Saint Paul or Minneapolis. |

Foley based his opinion for naming the Whitey Anderson and Bentz crowd as the persons responsible for the Bremer kidnaping on the fact that they left him in Gary, Indiana, to go to Rochester, Minnesota, and the further fact that if they did kidnap any person they were going to hold him for \$200,000 ransom, which seemed to be very definite in their minds.

Photographs of George William Larson, Milwaukee Police Number 24954; James O'Brien, Nebraska Penitentiary Number 10213, and those of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and Melvin Furlong with many aliases, Peoria, Illinois, Police Number 3940 (the latter being furnished the Jacksonville Office by Walter William, Superintendent of the Police, Peoria, Illinois) were exhibited to Foley. After carefully viewing same, he stated that he did not recognize any of them by names or photographs and did not believe that any of them were known to him.

Foley advised that he could readily identify the photograph of Whitey Anderson if furnished with one and that if photographs of all escapes from the State Prison at Joliet, Illinois, during the past four years who have not been captured, were obtained and submitted to him for examination he would point out the Whitey Anderson mentioned in this report who he believes to be one of the snatchers in the Bremer case.

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago Office directed to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, Saint Petersburg, Florida, February 14, 1934, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING - Chicago file 7-82, and to letter from the Detroit Office to the Saint Paul Office dated



February 9, 1934, in the same subject matter. It is noted in the communications just referred to that there is strong reason to believe that the perpetrators of the Holland State Bank, Holland, Michigan, bank robbery in September, 1932, are the persons responsible for the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings, as laboratory tests of a road chart found in an abandoned automobile of the Holland bank robbery and of ransom notes in the Hamm kidnapping disclosed that the same typewriter was used in those notes and was also the same typewriter used in writing the ransom notes in the Bremer case.

Eddie Foley informed the writer and Special Agent H. E. Andersen on February 23, 1934, that the Holland State Bank was robbed by Big Homer, Lee Turner, another man whose name he could not recall at the time, and others unknown to him.

Foley stated that he was not in on the robbery but from his information the participants engaged in a shooting with officers but he did not know if it were at the time of the robbery or later out on the roads. He stated that this bank had been put up to him and he had turned it down in 1932 after looking it over and deciding that he could not map a safe get-away; that he had attempted to map a get-away from the robbery but after finding he could not make a safe one he destroyed the get-away chart, to the best of his recollection.

He also stated that one of the men on the Holland job who is unknown to him is the same man who was to have participated with him in the Effingham mail robbery, but who failed to show up and was left out of the latter job.

Lee Turner, according to Foley, was arrested in Chicago last summer on some automobile charge and was taken to Danville, Illinois, where he was sentenced in the Federal Court to a short term in a Federal prison or jail.

Foley stated that as far as he knows the automobile used by the robbers on this job was not abandoned and the get-away map was never found and that he has never been advised by any of the participants to the contrary.

It is observed from the letters just referred to that the get-away map on the Holland robbery was found and that



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laboratory analysis of the paper indicates that the typewriter on which the get-away was written is the same machine as was used in writing the Hamm and Bremer ransom notes.

Questioned as to any robbery in which the automobile had been abandoned, Foley states that in the Grand Haven, Michigan, robbery which occurred in the summer, probably June, 1933, which was staged by Whitey Anderson, Wayne White and one Earl, Eddie Bentz, Jack Pfeiffer's brother and a driver; that the driver left the robbers flat at the bank and ran away in the car, later abandoning it, leaving the get-away map in the car. He stated that this information was imparted to him by Eddie Bentz, one of the participants, two days after the robbery occurred and that in his opinion the get-away map thought to have been that on the Holland job is in reality the get-away map used on the Grand Haven job; that if this is true there is no question but what some of the participants in the Grand Haven robbery are responsible for the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

Foley stated that if he could observe the get-away map in question he could easily determine whether it was the map used in the Grand Haven or the Holland jobs and expressed the opinion that the get-away map for the former robbery was prepared by Eddie Bentz.

The person referred to as Earl who participated in the Grand Haven robbery was shot at the time and captured. He was later sentenced to serve twenty-five years for this robbery in the Michigan State Prison.

Foley also stated that the same outfit who robbed the Grand Haven Bank was responsible for the subsequent robbery of a bank in Madison, Wisconsin; that Wayne Whitey was caught and prosecuted for the Madison job, which was pulled in the fall of 1933, and sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary at Waupun, Wisconsin.

With reference to the report of Special Agent William Larson, rendered at Detroit, Michigan, February 15, 1932, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING, it is noted on page three that Kathryn Kelley is quoted as saying that

one Marty Cork alias Joyce and Leo Trent might be taken into consideration as suspects in this case; that these two individuals were closely associated with La Rue.

Foley positively denied knowing Corky alias Joyce. He admitted knowing Trent and stated that to the best of his knowledge he was serving time in a Federal prison on a counterfeiting charge during the period of the Hamm kidnaping.

With reference to letter from the Chicago Office to the Division on February 8, 1934, in the Bremer kidnaping case, Foley stated that he has never heard of Grover Comstock, Robert Smith or Michael De Laurentis, who appear to have disposed of certain bonds coming from the robbery of the Holland bank. He advised, however, that he had heard that several individuals had been arrested for possession of the bonds but said he had no definite information with reference thereto. He was positive that the three individuals mentioned above did not participate in the Holland bank robbery.

In reference to statements appearing in letter from the Chicago Office to the Saint Paul Office under date of February 17, 1934, regarding the same case, to the effect that one Harry Sawyer, a Saint Paul saloon keeper, was a possible finger-man in both the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings, Foley stated that he had no information relative thereto, saying that he did not know him.

In paragraph four, page three of this same letter, mention is made that Big Homer sometime in 1933 was seen in Ballard and Frazier's Restaurant in Chicago on Lake Street near State Street. Foley stated that he had never heard of this restaurant being used as a hangout, but it was widely known as a political gathering place.

In the last paragraph of this same letter, information appears to the effect that Big Homer married a Chicago girl in either 1923 or 1924. In this connection, Foley stated that to his knowledge Big Homer was married about five years ago to a Catholic girl; that this girl bears a very good reputation and does not know that Big Homer is a hoodlum, but believes him to

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be a prosperous broker. Foley further stated that he believed the marriage was performed by a Catholic priest but stated that he did not know who appeared as witnesses.

With reference to the same letter, on page two, paragraph four, information is set forth that Big Homer is a very good friend of one Willie Harrison, a former Saint Louis Police character, who now operates a saloon in Calumet City, Illinois. Foley stated that this information is correct as Big Homer and Harrison are very good friends.

With reference to the allegation made that Harrison was arrested at Chicago, Illinois, between 1930 and 1932 for participation in a bank robbery at Jefferson, Wisconsin, Foley stated that this information is incorrect as Harrison has never been in any trouble.

In a letter from the Chicago Office, dated February 10, 1934, to the Saint Paul Division Office, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING, mention is made that Edward La Rue alias Foley was possibly associated in the Bremer kidnaping with Clarence (Doc) Eaton, John Water alias Go-About-Reilly alias John Davis, Frisco Dutch and possibly some others. Foley commented that he did not know any of the individuals mentioned above except Go-About Reilly whom he termed as a cheap gambler and hanger-on. He expressed doubt that this individual would participate in any crime requiring nerve.

Foley stated that there was no truth to the statement in paragraph one, page two of the letter just mentioned to the effect that he was arrested at Des Moines, Iowa, in company of Frisco Dutch in the Spring of 1932.

The following information was furnished by Foley to Special Agent H. E. Andersen during interviews at the County Jail, Tampa, Florida, February 22 and 23, 1934:

In letter of Chicago Office dated February 17, 1934, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Saint Paul Division Office in reference to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING, it is noted on page three, paragraph two, that an individual known as Old Charlie, heretofore mentioned in this case, is reported to have been a "caseman" for the Bailey, Bates, Burke and Winkler mob of Chicago. Foley was questioned in this respect and stated that Old Charlie is well known to Harvey Bailey and possibly some members of the Capone Syndicate. He said that Old Charlie is a typical Irishman, rough in appearance and manners and a heavy drinker. Foley advised that when Old Charlie is in the cups he is apt to get in any kind of trouble. He said of late Old Charlie has been very close to Gus Stone and indicated that when one was found the other will undoubtedly be easy to locate. He described Old Charlie as a man of about seventy years of age who was very active, and who could easily pass as a man of younger years.

It is noted in letter from the Chicago Office to the Saint Paul Office dated February 10, 1934, in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping, that one Julius A. "Babe" Jones, when interviewed at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, furnished information in reference to the Bremer kidnaping.

In paragraph one, page three, of the letter in question, this individual is quoted as saying that La Rue, Keating, Holden, Bailey, the two Bentz Brothers and Big Homer were seen by him in the saloon of Harry Sawyer in Saint Paul, Minnesota, dressed in golf togs. Foley, when questioned in this respect, stated that the information was erroneous, as he has never played golf or worn golf clothing in Saint Paul.

The foregoing is given to show the information furnished by Jones should not be accepted at face value.

In the same paragraph of the letter it appears that Jones stated that Harry Sawyer is a former partner of Dan Hogan, who is known to the Police in Saint Paul. When this was brought to the attention of Foley he stated that to his knowledge Hogan has been dead for five years. He related that some one attached a bomb to the ignition of Hogan's automobile which killed him and blew up the machine when he started it. This occurred in one of the Twin Cities.

During an interview at the County Jail, Tampa, Florida, on February 23, 1934, Foley stated to Special Agent H. E. Andersen that while he had no positive information he believed that Whitey Anderson, Eddie Bentz, Jack Pfeiffer's brother and others unknown to him perpetrated the robbery of mail or express at Saint Paul or Minneapolis last summer. He said his recollection was hazy as to the amount they secured but he believed it was either \$30,000 or \$60,000. The robbery took place at a mail or express platform. Foley stated he did not know how many were in on the job.

On February 24, 1934, J. C. Holmes, former special investigator for the Post Office Department, who now resides at 1825 East Giddens Avenue, Tampa, Florida, furnished the following information to Agent Andersen:

He stated that while with the Post Office Department he did considerable investigating of mail robberies in the vicinity of Chicago and in tracing the proceeds from these robberies often came into contact with Gus Winkler. As he and Gus Winkler became friendly, the latter related that he feared that someday he might be put on the spot by Eddie Foley, whom Winkler termed as a killer and associate of killers. Holmes was questioned at the name Winkler mentioned and he was emphatic that it was Eddie Foley.

Winkler, according to Holmes, attempted to check the activities of Foley in order that he might get something on him and have him sent to the penitentiary for Winkler's own safety.

Holmes further stated that while he has no evidence it has occurred to him that Gus Winkler may have been put on the spot by Eddie Foley or one of his henchmen. He expressed the opinion that some one who participated in the Lincoln Bank job was guilty of murdering Winkler.

From the information obtained from Foley, no undeveloped leads are being set out by the Jacksonville Office. This is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 20, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN ---  
MR. TOLSON ---  
MR. LEOCC ---  
MR. COWLEY ---  
MR. EDWARDS ---  
MR. EGA ---  
MR. QUINN ---  
MR. LESTER ---  
MR. LOCKE ---  
MR. RORER ---

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Alt called last night at about 9:45 and stated that they had just finished interviewing LaRue who had admitted participating in the Tupelo, Mississippi bank robberies; the Lincoln, Nebraska bank robbery, the Colfax, Washington bank robbery, the Blue Ridge bank robbery, the Effingham, Illinois mail robbery and the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton at South Bend. Mr. Alt stated that although LaRue had admitted participating in the above offenses, he had refused to make any admissions in writing; that he implicated in the Tupelo, Mississippi bank robbery, himself, Kelly and Bates; in the Lincoln, Nebraska robbery, Ed Bentz, "Big Homer", "Big Slim", who was found dead at Red Wing, Minnesota, a party referred to as "Shorty", a Gus and an "Old Jolly"; that the bank at Colfax was robbed by himself, Bentz, Bates and Kelly; that the Blue Ridge job was committed by Bates, Kelly and himself; that the mail robbery at Effingham, Illinois was committed by Bentz, himself and a man known as "Red", who is wanted in the Luer case, and one Jim Evans.

Mr. Alt advised further that LaRue had implicated in the Bremer case, Whitey Anderson, Jack Pfeifer's brother, and possibly Jack Pfeifer himself. Mr. Alt stated that LaRue had merely suggested these names as possible participants but had nothing definite on them. He stated further that Agent Anderson was of the opinion that he was getting some good information in the KANMO case; that the Gus mentioned in the Lincoln, Nebraska case is reported by LaRue to have been the "trigger man" at Kansas City. Mr. Alt stated LaRue would be again interviewed today for further information concerning the Kansas City case; that LaRue is so exhausted that they had to stop working on him for the night. Mr. Alt requested that in connection with the Woolverton kidnaping case, no action be taken to locate LaRue's brother in whose house Mr. Woolverton was held until after they had completed their interview with LaRue. He also suggested that two Agents could leave today but that he would communicate with the Division before dismissing them.

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Respectfully,  
S. P. Cowley

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February 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York, New York.

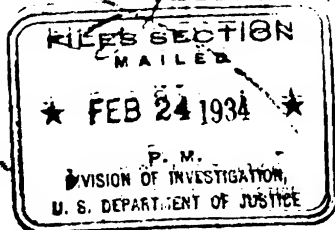
Dear Sirs:

The Division is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Adelbert G. Mills, Jr., Assistant Cashier, First National Bank, 20 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, requesting that three additional copies of the bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases be forwarded to him for his branch offices.

It is desired that this request be complied with.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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February 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama. + ALL Field Offices

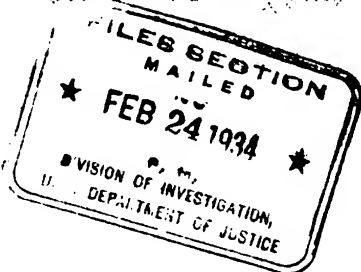
Dear Sir:

With regard to the mimeographed reports submitted by  
Inspector W. A. Rorer and Special Agent J. E. Brennan, in the  
case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING,  
please be informed that it has been discovered that there has been  
a substitution of page 18 in these reports.

In other words, page 18 of Mr. Rorer's report belongs  
in Agent Brennan's report and vice versa. I desire that you  
immediately cause these changes to be made in order that the  
reports might be accurate in every respect.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Werner Hanni,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Postoffice Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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F.X. Fay  
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U. S. Department of Justice  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403  
New York City, N.Y.

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SUITE 1 FEDERAL BLDG.  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

February 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that on February 20, 1934 Special Agent Lish Whitson of this Office was in the territory of your Office at Anamosa, Iowa with the Sheriff from Davenport, Iowa relative to a lead in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

M. O. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 516,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. V-30.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of February 19, 1934, requesting descriptions of the following Subjects, the descriptions herein set out are from report of Agent E. M. Hotelsteen, dated February 20, 1934, on above captioned case:

|                  |  |
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| Name:            | ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases.  |
| Age:             | 24 years   |
| Height:          | 5' 9"  |
| Weight:          | 132 pounds (1930)  |
| Build:           | Slender  |
| Eyes:            | Brown  |
| Hair:            | Brown  |
| Complexion:      | Light  |
| Scars and marks: | 1 was. cic. otr.; small pit cic. on face.                            |
| Police number:   | Kansas City, Mo., PD, #1599.   |
| Name:            | FRED BARKER, with aliases.   |
| Age:             | 32 years   |
| Height:          | 5' 4 1/2"  |
| Weight:          | 115 pounds   |
| Eyes:            | Blue   |
| Build:           | Small  |
| Nationality:     | American   |
| Complexion:      | Dark   |
| Hair:            | Light brown  |
| Scars:           | 1" gun shot wrist inner; gun shot wound base left finger, palm hand. |
| Police number:   | #9336 Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.                    |

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Name: VOLNEY DAVIS  
Age: 31 years  
Height: 5' 8-3/4"  
Weight: 125 pounds (1923)  
Build: Slender  
Hair: Light chestnut  
Eyes: Blue  
Complexion: Fair  
Occupation: Printer  
Nationality: American  
Police Numbers: #12808 State Penitentiary,  
Mallaster, Oklahoma.

Name: ARTHUR E. BARKER alias "DOC" BARKER  
Age: 34 years  
Height: 5' 3/4"  
Weight: 112 pounds (1923)  
Eyes: Blue  
Complexion: Medium  
Hair: Chestnut  
Build: Short  
Marks: Flesh colored moles, one on left  
cheek; two on right cheek.  
Police number: #11906 State Penitentiary,  
Mallaster, Oklahoma.

Name: HARRY CAMPBELL alias DAVE  
Age: 30 years  
Height: 5' 5"  
Weight: 135 pounds  
Eyes: Blue  
Hair: Brown  
Complexion: Ruddy  
Nationality: American (Born Wheeling, West Va.)  
Build: Medium  
Police number: #9420, SO, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The report of Agent Hotesteen, St. Paul, Minnesota, from which  
these descriptions are taken, is Serial 677 of St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

YAB:PC  
1 - St. Paul  
2 - Birmingham  
3 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

HAROLD STASSON, County Attorney, Dakota County, who has rendered considerable assistance to this office in the past, communicated with me and advised that he, during the holidays of 1933-34, had raided the Hollywood Club, Mendota, Minnesota. This club is operated by FRED ULRICK, JACK DAVENPORT, and "RED" CLARE. It can not be definitely determined who owns the Hollywood Club but it has been rumored time and again that JACK DAVENPORT, TOMMY BANKS, JACK PFRIFFER, FRED ULRICK, and others of the St. Paul underworld have interests in it.

STASSON has had considerable difficulty in raiding this place because of the lack of cooperation from the Sheriff's office in his county. His experience has been that unless he is able to stage the raid within a very short time, the occupants will be tipped off. At the time of this particular raid, STASSON stole a march on the Sheriff's office and although the tip went through and the gamblers left, according to STASSON'S information, STASSON went to the club and broke the door of the office, entering and secured a number of papers. These papers he gave to me with the distinct understanding that they are to be returned to him. For that reason, the contents of the papers are herewith set out:

1. A pass book of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul (the bank of EDWARD G. BREMER - victim). This pass book was used to record the numbers of telephones frequently called. Inside the front cover are the following:

Hank, Co 1402  
Highway, Ri 1617  
Geo. Ruland, Ri 4403  
(Ayers ) En.  
(Lights )  
John Le Clair  
En. 0626  
En. 7200 Lights  
And. Rothmeyer, De 8465

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Consoia, Ge 1898  
Howard, Ken 2463  
Caroline, El 5604  
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Sheriff, La 7581  
La 7500

Inside the back cover are the following numbers:

Booking Agency, Mrs. O. Comal, 7259  
Pineberg, United Booki Agy., Gs 1656  
Goldie, Ma 5669 - office  
Hy 0255  
N. Western Amusement Co., Jule Miller, Dyer Bl. G 6338  
Jme. Sorenson, Gar 6305  
Beaugard, 23105 (21 Lee Court. 501011 - Kit Kat In.

On the back fly leaf are the following numbers:

Smith, I. C., 3933  
Jessie, Re 3454  
Berg, Ri 2456  
Booking Agency, Gen. 2426 (crossed out)  
Tower 2483  
May Thack, Dinsmore 3839  
Kay, 3347 Ke.  
Andie Chickens, Drexel 4920  
" 1385  
Farm - Bloomington, 140J

On the last page is the following number:

Floor show, Alice Leaman, Hu 4302

The following numbers are written on the ruled pages of the book:

Ham, El 5517  
Post Office, En. 0629  
Pearl, Re 1845  
Red, Re 7054  
Fred, Mi 8857  
Ceil, El 1656  
Mae, Da 8364  
Hollyhock, En 2121  
Bul. of Paris, El 3776  
Lowery, Ce 6600  
St. Fran., Ce 9660  
St. Paul, Ce 4100  
Dykeman, Ma 7244  
Oak Grove, 125, Ma. 8741  
Union Depot, Ce 7681  
Holm & Olson, Ce 6083  
Holm & Olson (house) Da 2739  
Bus Depot, Ce 2600  
Licence Dept., Ce 3754  
Davenport, Lo 9948  
Keavy, Lo 5187  
M. Ranse, Da 2146, El 6078  
Whity, El 2390  
J. Leslie, Ch. 5298  
West Hotel, Ma 1242  
Pete L. El 2314  
Lytle, Ke 0684  
T. Banks, Lo 4075  
Sawyer, En 8008  
Ce 9948  
Plumber, Lo 9360  
Main High, La 9352  
Patrol, No 7811  
Auto Club, Ce 2000  
G. N. & Union Dep., At 0124  
Radison Hotel, At 2181  
Sheridan Hotel, At 4133  
Nicollet Hotel, At 3177  
Plantation, To 7212  
Owassa, Ce 9390  
M. Johnson, Da 3682  
Emily, En. 3621  
L. Cameron, En. 2673  
Geo. Bartash, Du. 2770



Florence B., Re 3755  
 Kilbe, To. 59755  
 Slaters, Bu. 5380  
 Don., Hy. 8260  
 Filben, Co. 4899  
 W. Magee, Da. 8541  
 McConnie, Las. 1052  
 Daisy (Apt. 34), Ke. 8211  
 Lee., To. 08286 (crossed out)  
 Brown Derbe, Co. 9968  
 Office, At 3882  
 Sport, Di 15458  
 Scott, Em 0881  
 Dutch, 208 - 11 Ave. S., Ma 9681  
 Garry's, Re 9169  
 West Union, Co 4180  
 Mr. Quint, Oak Grove Nite Club  
 Air Port Cafe  
 Hinnie Kuba, Ke 0189  
 Miller Harry, Da. 9106  
 Avon & Selby  
 Co 2511 (Windup)  
 Jack Lahey, Re 2451  
 Brooks, Mi. 4501

Inserted in the pages of this pass book was a card of the Hollywood Club, on the reverse side of which is written CAROLINE PASSAFER, 706 Bedford St., To. 4428; and a piece of paper on which is written ALICE LEHMAN, El 1376, JERRY DEAN, El 5050.

2. A hat-checker's stub book, evidently used as an I.O.U. receipt book, bearing statements as to the amounts of money certain persons owe to that club, as follows: Nov. 26 - 33, Mr. Fred Patterson, 6, 10 & St. Peter St., Hawkeson "Poty" & Saturday night, \$7.00; Pd. \$5.00 on act., H. J. Jensen, \$19.00 pad, 10 & 12; Pullman (4) Paid \$8.00; H. C. Christenson, 944 Plymouth Bldg., (10) \$2.20 due pad. \$10.00; C. L. Mooser (10) \$20.00 due; C. L. Mooser, \$20.00 (10); Howard Vanlear (8) \$20.00 due \$15.00 pad; Joe Hagan (4) 8 due, \$8.00 pad; Jewel Sessing (8) (from 8 to 12) \$16.00 pad; F. P. Wolf, 400 pad, due \$4.00, due 400, No. 1, \$4.00 due, \$4.00, 10 o'clock, (4); Mr. Patterson, \$12 due; \$12.00 pad (6); Mr. Lund, 8 due, 800 pad (4); Jack Lahey (9) Due 18-, \$18.00 pad; Mr. Yost (2); due \$4.00; Mr. Yost (2) \$4.00; Joe Zwinger, No. 2, (4), Due \$4.00, \$4.00 pad; Miss Sunbeck (6 or 8), due 6 or 8, \$16.00 pad; C. S. Moores, \$15.00 (10) 15.00; Mack Lipschultz, 2035 Jefferson (3) \$6.00 due; Mack Lipschultz, (3) 600;



W. C. Stien, due \$12.00, \$12.00, Bill & Pete due \$12.00 (a)  
 next dance floor, pad (This is crossed out); Geo. Hawkinson  
 (6) \$5.00 due, \$5.00 pad; Eckerman (4) \$400 paid, 400 due,  
 400 pad; Mr. Simonton (10) due 20, \$20.00 pad; Miss Howard (6 or 8)  
 due; M. J. Coeman (2) \$2.00 on act. \$200 pad; Mr. Gartner (4)  
 \$4 due, Spanish \$400 pad; Mr. Keerman (5) at 11 o'clock; \$12.00  
 due, 10.00 pad; Mr. Spreten (4) \$3.00, Spanish R; Mr. Spreten  
 (4) \$3.00; Roy (4) \$3.00 due, 3.00 pad; Lundberg (4) 3.00, 3.00  
 pad; Mackler (3) 3.00 \$10 pad; Bon (2) \$4.00, 4.00 pad; Jon, had  
 8.00.

3. A notice sent by the State of Minnesota, Department of Agriculture,  
 to WILLIAM ULRICK, Mendota, Minnesota.

4. A blank check, on the reverse side of which are written the  
 following telephone numbers:

Irene Gilden, El. 3929  
 Rose Nenieron, Ma. 1785  
 Evelyn Brown, Lo. 0186  
 Doris Blakely, Du. 0538  
 Baby Oxman, Da. 0592  
 Zella M. Karper, Dr. 3839  
 ALDORIS PETERSON, Dr. 3826  
 Dorothy Dillon, Da. 6259  
 Helen Luler, Br. 3545  
 Harold Bird (Ge. 1444)  
 Ferral Imp.

5. A slip of paper bearing the name MRS. LUND, Depont 4335

6. A card of Notley's Cafe, St. Paul, on the reverse side  
 of which is written "Howard Machison, 1621 No. Dunlap,  
 Bu. 4497, St. Paul."

7. A piece of paper bearing the following telephone numbers:  
 Edw. Gilbert, Mid. 2551, ask for Gayle.  
 Mabelle Nepple, 1714 Van Buren, Mi. 1167.

8. A piece of paper bearing the following:  
 504 Barry Ave.  
 Buckingham, 9318  
 C/o Alice Clasen

9. A piece of paper with the following written thereon:  
 Alice Lehman, 677 Charles St., Dale 2544  
 Alma Dean, 941 Hague Ave., Elk. 5050  
 Evalene Wagner, 1696 Charles St., Ne 8098, Dale 2537  
 Margie Hartmann, 612 Lincoln Ave., Dale 3125.
10. A letter from the Caribon Harness Store, Minneapolis,  
 to Ed. Morgan, Hollywood Inn, Mendota Bridge, requesting  
 a remittance on a bill of \$15.02.
11. A letter to Mr. Clare, Hollywood Inn, Mendota, Minn.,  
 postmarked May 26, 1933, at Minneapolis, Minn., from  
 A. B. Byrne, care of J. W. Pauley Cigar Mfg. Co.,  
 requesting employment.
12. A letter from Box 229, Hanley Falls, Minn., signed  
 "Hanetta", addressed to Mr. Frank S. Bailey, 3622  
 23 Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota, postmarked Oct. 14,  
 1933, about a girl going to school being lonesome, etc.
13. A piece of paper on which is written the following:  
 Irma & Helen Marvin sisters, 2425 Elliot Ave. So.  
 Irma, Br. 5395 or  
 Helen, Re. 7492  
 Very, very good girl with violin
14. Card of Lillian M. League, Cedar 2060, 9-5; Cedar 2056 5:30 on;  
 Pioneer Building, Information Booth.
15. A card on which is written:  
 Nora Fourre, Du 9224, waitress.
16. Card on which is written:  
 Andre Holmes, Walnut 1964
17. Card on which is written:  
 Ma 8301, Apt. 514, Bill Hapin
18. Card of Fredrick C. Sleizer, Glenwood 3638
19. Card on which is written:  
 Corine Wondra, 78 Sherburne Ave., Apt. 4, waitress.
20. Card on which is written:  
 Anne Byrne, Main 8996
21. Card on which is written:  
 Mrs. Conklin, Beach 2266

22. Card on which is written:  
Ge 0135  
757 E. 14th St. Apt. 9, Ann, waitress

23. Card on which is written:  
Lo. 9360, Bob

24. Card on which is written:  
1264, Geo. Sparks, Beaver Dam, Wis.

25. Card on which is written:  
F. N. Smith, 5406 Nokomis Ave. So., Mpls.  
Austin Roadster.

26. Card on which is written:  
Tweed, Re. 0252

27. Card on which is written:  
Ge. 0556, Miss Smith, Red

28. Card on which is written:  
Al Foster, Ch. 7188

29. Card on which is written:  
Ken. 8470, Bill Vaughn

Last year, a payroll was robbed in South St. Paul, resulting in the killing of two police officers. This crime remains unsolved. At that time, MR. STASSON requested cooperation of this office, which was given to him, and I secured from him a photograph of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, with aliases. FITZGERALD is a friend of JACK DAVENPORT and is a frequenter of the Hollywood Club, and STASSON believed the owner of the Hollywood Club and ex-Chief of Police THUMAN ELKHORN planned this crime. Suspicion naturally centered upon friends of TOMMY BANKS and LEON GLECKMAN'S crowd. Among others, KARPIS and the BARKERS, VERNON MILLER, etc., were suspected and KARPIS was identified, but not satisfactorily. STASSON also furnished me with a photograph of HUSSEL GIBSON. Both photographs are being made a part of this file.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.** FILE NO. **7-50**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>2-24-34</b>  | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>2/2<br/>2/19 to 23/34</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>R. C. Coulter</b>   |
| TITLE: <b>Changed:</b><br><b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;</b><br><b>ARTHUR R. BARKER alias ARTHUR BARKER alias "DOC"</b><br><b>BARKER. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.</b>   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>KIDNAPING.</b>                |   |
| EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  |  |  |   |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><br><p>EDWARD BERGSTRÖM, whose identity has not been established and who disappeared from St. Paul about 1-15-34, identified as associate of VOLNEY DAVIS. E. V. DAVIS, believed to be VOLNEY DAVIS, had Illinois license issued to him at 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago. Partial re-interviews with witness to kidnaping and contacts failed to elicit definite identification; however, MRS. JOHN MILLER gives good description of one person who called at her home prior to deliver of note by kidnapers. Signed statements incorporated of persons finding and handling four 5-gallon gasoline cans found at Portage, Wisconsin. Investigation being conducted to locate place at which clothing given to victim was purchased and place where electric lantern was purchased.</p> |  |  |   |
| REFERENCE:<br><br>Report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 2-17-34.  |  |  |   |
| DETAILS:  |  |  |   |
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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><br><i>M. P. Rora</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   | 7-576-771<br>FEB 27 1934 A.M.<br>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION<br>ROUTED TO: <i>[initials]</i> |  | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br>FEB 27 1934<br>CHECKED OFF:<br>MAR 1 1934<br>JACKETED: |
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At St. Paul, Minnesota

With further reference to the memorandum of this agent dated January 27, 1934, which was incorporated in report of reference by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, MR. and MRS. R. OLSON, apartment 101, 622 Grand Avenue, were re-interviewed by this agent and Special Agent C. G. Hall, at which time photographs of the BARKER brothers, ALVIN KARPIS, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, and numerous others, were exhibited but they were unable to identify any of them as the photograph of EDWIN BERGSTROM who with a woman had occupied apartment 103 at 628 Grand Avenue. MR. OLSON did recall during the interview that a transfer man by the name of SCOTT had told him a few weeks prior to disappearance of the BERGSTROMS that he knew MRS. BERGSTROM, having moved her several times, and that she was not married and that her reputation was bad.

CHARLES J. SCOTT, 1011 North Chatsworth Street, telephone Humbolt 1013, who has an office at 119 West 5th Street, was contacted and he advised that he recalled the BERGSTROM woman and the conversation had with OLSON. He stated he did not know the real name of the woman but he recalled having moved her at least once during 1933 but that he did not recall the addresses. He further advised that he does not keep a record of his transactions and after the matter appeared in the local papers, he gave the matter much thought but was unable to recall the addresses in question. He stated he was sure he had seen the woman about St. Paul for years but does not recall that he had ever seen the man before. He described BERGSTROM as follows: 40 years, 5 feet 7 inches tall, slender. He stated that this might not be an accurate description but it was the best he could furnish.

With reference to the woman, he described her as follows:

Name MRS. BERGSTROM  
Age - 30 years  
Height - 5 feet 7 inches  
Build - Slender  
Eyes - Slightly crossed  
Peculiarities - Speaks with Irish accent, apparently of Irish extraction  
Thinks she has been a prostitute about St. Paul

MR. SCOTT stated he thought he could identify either party, but on viewing photographs above referred to in this report, he could not identify any of them as the man referred to as BERGSTROM.

WALTER AAMUNDS, who operates a garage at 550 Grand Avenue, and also his employees, were interviewed and the photographs above mentioned were exhibited but they were unable to identify any of them as the likeness of the man referred to as BERGSTROM. They stated that they rarely ever saw him and on the few occasions on which the Ford V-8 was stored in the garage, he left the car at the door of the garage and his wife drove same in.

CHARLES J. TIERNEY, Inspector of Detectives, St. Paul Police Department, was conferred with and the description of MRS. BERGSTROM was verbally furnished him, after which he stated that he did not know any woman who might possibly be identical with the BERGSTROM woman.

Through MR. TIERNEY, it was determined that the Ford V-8 previously referred to as having been sold to EDWARD BERGSTROM, who at that time gave his address as 408 University Avenue, St. Paul, was purchased through the assistance of HERBERT WILDS, who operates Herb's Garage, a known hoodlum garage in St. Paul.

HERBERT IMHOLTE, salesman for the Ford Motor Sales, 117 West University Avenue, St. Paul, was brought to the St. Paul Division office and interviewed by Agents O. G. Hall and Coulter, he stating that he had previously worked for the Holt Motor Company; that he is married and resides at 600 Portland Avenue. With reference to the sale of the automobile in question, which was a new Ford DeLuxe Coupe, motor No. 40-304,794, he stated that he handled the transaction and that the car was sold on June 10, 1933. The payment was made in the form of \$171.04 in cash and a Royal Chrysler Coupe, motor No. 7,775, serial No. 7506525, 1931 model, was accepted as a \$500 allowance, said automobile having been the property of the Roberts Motor Company, 408 University Avenue, which was the address BERGSTROM gave and which automobile company is owned and operated by LEON GLECKMAN, an underworld character of St. Paul. He stated that he does not know HERBERT L. WILDS and that WILDS had nothing to do with the transaction, as far as he knows. He stated that he talked with ROBERTS with reference to the possibility of accepting one of three cars, one being the Chrysler in question, and the others a Packard and a Graham; that he concluded that the Chrysler would be the best of the three and accordingly designated it. He submitted original invoice No. 376 and retail buyer's order, as well as record of used car, to substantiate his statement.

MR. IMHOLTE described BERGSTROM as being approximately 33 years of age, light complexion, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing 160 pounds. He stated there were either one or two men with him whom he could not definitely remember. He viewed the various photographs previously mentioned but was unable to identify any of them as the person referred to as BERGSTROM. He did state that the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS appeared to be the photograph of the person who accompanied BERGSTROM. He described him as shorter than



BERGSTROM, medium build, 32 years of age, medium dark complexion, and dark clothes.

HERBERT L. WILDS was interviewed by Inspector CHARLES J. TIERNEY of the St. Paul Police Department on February 12, 1934, at police headquarters and he made a question and answer statement in substance that a man came to his garage several times with another fellow whom he could not remember, and that this individual, who later was found to be BERGSTROM, told him that he wanted to get an automobile; that he told BERGSTROM that he thought he could get him a car at a discount and that BERGSTROM wanted to buy a Ford. He stated that he got him one through the Republic Finance Company, where he himself has received numerous favors, and took a Chrysler of the Republic Finance Company and traded it in to the Ford Motor Sales Company. He stated that BERGSTROM had been accompanied to his place by a man driving a 1932 model Chevrolet Sedan, license number not remembered or recorded. He stated that he did not know the other fellow's name. He described BERGSTROM as being a "heavy set" fellow. He stated that BERGSTROM wanted the car delivered at 408 University Avenue, which is the address of the Roberts Motor Company and from which place the Chrysler had been brought to the Ford Motor Sales Company. He stated that BERGSTROM had said he was in the selling game but he did not say what he was selling and he knew that BERGSTROM did not have any money as he was unable to buy a radio which he (WILDS) attempted to sell him. He denied knowing anyone by the name of E. L. MURRAY or by the name of E. V. DAVIS but did state that he fixed a 1933 Chevrolet for him and that as far as he knew, DAVIS lived at the St. Francis Hotel. He finally said that he thought BERGSTROM may be 35 years old, about 5 feet 7 inches tall, and would weight 160 pounds; that he was well dressed, light complexioned, and had light hair, and that he would know the individual should he see him again. He stated that he never saw any woman with BERGSTROM and that he serviced the Ford at 500 miles and again at 1,000 miles.

He thereafter described DAVIS as a big fellow, 180 or 185 pounds, with an awfully large stomach. When shown a number of photographs, including the photograph of the BARKERS, he stated that the photograph of ARTHUR BARKER resembled DAVIS some.

During the afternoon of February 19th, 1934, WILDS, at the suggestion of Inspector TIERNEY, was brought to detective headquarters where he was interviewed by Inspector TIERNEY and this agent for approximately two hours. On viewing the photographs in question again, he identified the photograph of ARTHUR BARKER as appearing identical to the likeness of the person for whom he purchased the 1933 Chevrolet during May, 1933, whose identity he claimed not to know.

According to Inspector TIERNEY, WILDS operates this garage and has enjoyed rather a good business from underworld characters who frequent his place on recommendation from HARRY "DUTCH" SAWYER, an underworld character of St. Paul. He stated that he knew from various rumors he had heard that the barkers were well acquainted with SAWYER.

For the information of the Chicago office, it is stated that during the investigation conducted in the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased), et al, Obstruction of Justice, investigation was made in St. Paul at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, where it was definitely established that the PARKER brothers and ALVIN KARPIS were residing. An investigation developed that Chevrolet Sedan which bore 1933 Minnesota license plates, which plates had been issued on March 23, 1935, to G. W. DAVIS, who gave his address as the St. Francis Hotel, bore motor No. 3511319. This car was purchased through the Midway Chevrolet Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, through HERBERT L. WILDS and was seen in front of 204 Vernon Avenue by MR. JAMES P. McLAREN, the owner, who noted the license number of the car in question.

Two or three days prior to the BREMER kidnaping, a shooting took place in the west section of St. Paul, the occupants of an automobile bearing Minnesota motor vehicle license plates for 1934 No. B-45372 doing the shooting. The person who was shot, whose name is MCCOY, saw the license plate of the car. Through the Motor Vehicle License Division it was determined that these plates were assigned on January 11, 1934, to one E. V. DAVIS, Post Office Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, for 1933 model Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 3,554,674 (or No. 355,674), serial No. 1GA03-23077, which had previously been registered in the State of Illinois under 1933 motor vehicle license plates No. 774,267. Inspector TIERNEY advised this agent that E. V. DAVIS, when registering the car in Illinois, gave the address of 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent E. N. Notestein made inquiry at the Post Office at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and found that Post Office Box 254 had been rented to E. V. DAVIS on January 12, 1934. Through MR. TIERNEY, agent was advised that the certificate of title issued for the automobile is still in the Post Office Box. According to FLOYD TRUNELL, Post Office Clerk, DAVIS was not required to fill in an application for the box as same was not the custom. He described DAVIS as follows: Age, 35-40 years; height, 5 feet 10 inches; weight, 180 pounds; light hair; ruddy complexion; rough skin; wore light suit, tan overcoat, and gray cap.

As previously indicated in the report of reference, the automobile listed to BERGSTROM was transferred to E. L. MURRAY. Agent Notestein also determined that MURRAY rented the box No. 345 on January 3, 1934, at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and neither was he required to fill out an application. The clerk described MURRAY as being about 35-36 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall.

Agent Notestein determined that 1933 certificate of title transferred to MURRAY on Ford Deluxe Coupe, motor No. 40-304794, under previous license B-45099, was in the box and that the 1934 registration was B-75038. Incidentally, the locks have been changed on both boxes and the individuals can not secure mail therefrom until arrangements are made through the Post Office. However, both disappeared about the time of the BREMER kidnaping and their whereabouts have since been unknown.

The circumstances in this connection are such that it is believed that BERGSTROM possibly transferred the title to MURRAY, which is an alias, and that he is acquainted with the person referred to as E. W. DAVIS and that both are associates of the BARKERS and KARPIS. However, this of course is not definitely known.

ERICK STOOHS, 29 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul, who is a driver for the Citizens Ice & Coal Company, was contacted on February 21, 1934, at which time he stated that on the morning of January 17, 1934, he was driving south on Lexington Avenue at about 8:40 a.m. However, he saw no cars on the street and nothing to arouse his suspicion. He stated that as he recalls, he saw two men standing on the northeast corner talking but that he does not remember how they were dressed and could not identify them were he to see them again. He stated that this was evidently after the kidnaping occurred.

CARL PELZER, 754 Van Buren Street, St. Paul, previously referred to in this agent's memorandum incorporated in report of reference by Agent Brennan as the oil man, was interviewed and he stated that he was delivering oil to the BREMER residence at Lexington and Goodrich Avenues between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. on January 17, 1934, and that it took approximately 30 minutes to get the oil from his truck into the basement. However, he was attending to his own business and noticed no cars on the corner and saw no disturbance of any nature. He stated that the only person to whom he talked while delivering the oil was MR. ART MCGILLNER, the credit man for the company where he is employed.

The photographs of the BARKERS, KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, and VOLNEY DAVIS, along with others, were again exhibited to JACK QUINEHAN, 682 Aurora Avenue, who is employed by the Minnesota Milk Company as a driver and he stated that under no circumstances could he possibly identify the photograph of anyone in connection with the kidnaping as he was a long block from the scene and did not view it with alarm at the time it occurred as he did not believe at that time that it was anything more than an accident and that the men were adjusting it there.

The dark cap in question which KARPIS has been previously identified as wearing was exhibited to Father DEERE, who stated that he was absolutely sure it was not the cap worn by the person who delivered the note to him on or about February 6, 1934. He stated that it was his impression that the cap the man was wearing was a gray cap rather than a black cap. He further stated that he did not see the man more than two minutes, who was standing outside the storm door with same opened approximately four inches and that he could not see the man's face owing to the fact that the cap in question was pulled well down over his face; that he could see only his chin and he believed the man to be a tramp who was soliciting something to eat and when he asked him his name, he replied it was "John"; that he had one hand on the door, on which hand he wore an old leather glove such as anyone might use while driving an automobile; that he wore a dark wool jacket, the cuffs of which were turned up as is often found on certain types of overcoats. He stated that he recalled that it was not a zipper jacket but that it appeared to be a very dark color, if not black; that the man had on an old shirt, probably brown or tan, and an old necktie, the color of which he did not remember; that he noticed that the jacket was open slightly and that the man had on a vest but that he could not recall the color of the vest or any particulars regarding it; that as he recalls, the man wore a pair of old gray trousers but that he did not notice what type of shoes the man was wearing; that the man kept his right hand in his right jacket pocket during the entire conversation, which later led him to believe that he was holding a pistol on him; that he took this man to be a rather young man and that he would judge that the fellow, from what little he saw of his face, was a dope addict and that his eyes were well sunken in his head; however, he did not know why he had that impression as he was quite sure that he did not see the man's eyes.

MRS. JOHN MILLER, 1209 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, was re-interviewed on February 21, 1934, at which time she was shown the cap in question. She stated that the person who delivered the note to them on the Saturday before the release of BREMER was not seen by her except through the window and that she saw only the lower portion of his body; that he appeared to be dressed as a Western Union boy or policeman; that she was absolutely sure he was wearing boots as she got a good look at his legs and that the boots were either very dark or black and that they were new; however, she later amended this statement to say she intended to convey that she knew the man was wearing more than shoes as she saw the leather on his legs and that he might have been wearing shoes and puttees such as police officers and Western Union boys wear. She stated that he appeared to be of medium size and that was the only impression she got of the man as he had flashed the light on her and she jumped back from the window and that when she went to the door to look out, the man flashed his light back again at her and she was unable to get any description of him.



After a considerable conversation with MRS. MILLER, she stated she was going to tell agent everything she knew and under no circumstances should it be disclosed to anyone. She stated that she had discussed this matter with no one except her husband and if any information was ever given out, she would know it came from this office.

She stated that on either the Friday night or Saturday night after BREMER was kidnaped, which would be January 19 or 20, 1934, she walked out on her front porch between 6:00 and 7:00 and that a man walked up through the driveway west of her house, at which time he was wearing boots and had something shiny in his hand which she later thought may have been the coffee can in which the letter from the kidnapers was finally left. She stated that this man appeared to have on two or three suits of clothes for the reason that his shoulders appears level with his shin. She stated the man walked on, holding his head down, and that she could give no description of his physical appearance on account of the fact that it was very dark. However, her impression was that he was a man of medium size.

She stated that a night or two thereafter, someone knocked on the door and when she answered it she only opened the front door and left the storm door closed; that this man appeared to be a young man, 21 or 22 years old. She then stated, "Do not say how old he was as I might be mistaken. However, he was a young man." She stated that he asked where 1193 Hague Avenue was and she indicated east on Hague. She stated this man appeared to have a light complexion and rosy cheeks; however, the redness in his cheeks may have been caused by the cold weather; that he was nice appearing and was wearing what appeared to be a mackinaw with possibly a red sweater under it; that he had on a hunter's cap which she described as tan and that she could not further describe him as she could see only the upper portion of his body, speaking to him through the storm door. She stated there was nothing unusual about his voice which might have indicated from what section of the country he came, and that she noted nothing about his features which were outstanding. She stated that when this man left, he walked off the porch and went west on Hague, rather than east, which is the direction to 1193 Hague Avenue.

With reference to him, she stated that he was probably of medium size; that he, as she recalls, asked, "Is this 1193 Hague?", and she answered, "No. It is 1209," and said the house was about three blocks to the left. She stated that she gained the impression about his being youthful by the way he swung himself around and the manner in which he walked off. She stated that it was about a week thereafter when the next man appeared; that he knocked on the front door about 8:30 p.m., and asked where 1193 Hague Avenue was. She stated that she opened the door this time and walked out on the porch and indicated the exact house to him; that she got a good look at this man and believes she would know him again in any place she may see him. She stated that she believes

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the man was between 35 and 36 years old, about 5 feet tall, medium build, swarthy complexion, square shoulders, well dressed, wearing either a green, blue or black hat which appeared dark, and a dark overcoat, either navy blue or black, which appeared black to her. She stated this man had high cheek bones and large eyes which were probably blue or hazel, that he had very wide upper front teeth which protruded to the extreme and which made her think that possibly they were not his own teeth. She stated that she could not say that his teeth were very white or that they were very dark, but other than being large and protruding there was nothing outstanding about them which made her remember them and that she did not notice his lower teeth at all. She stated that the man did not appear to have an excessive stomach and that he was well built. She stated that she did not watch this man leave.

MRS. MILLER viewed a number of photographs, including those of the BARKER brothers, ALVIN KARPIS, and CAMPBELL. After carefully examining each photograph she stated that she could not identify any of them as a likeness of persons who called at her house, and with particular reference to the KARPIS picture she stated that she could almost definitely say that he was not the young man who called there on the first occasion. In viewing the photograph of THOMAS CARROLL, St. Paul Police No. 23979, which was mixed in with the other photographs, she stated that the upper portion of his head down to his nose bore some resemblance to the large man who called at her house, which was the second man to ask for 1193 Hague Avenue. She stated that CARROLL'S mouth did not appear similar and that he was not the man in question and she had no intention of conveying that idea. However, there is something about his eyes and the upper portion of his face which slightly resemble the man in question.

On February 21, 1934, this agent in company with Special Agent J. E. Brennan, called at 622 Grand Avenue with a view to examining apartment 103, 622 Grand Avenue, for possible fingerprints left at that address by BERGSTROM and his wife. However, these agents were advised by MR. and MRS. OLSON that MR. OLSON had gone over all the woodwork and furniture with an oil cloth after discovering the BERGSTROMS had left, and had washed the dishes and cooking utensils; that he had done this prior to the arrival of men from the St. Paul Police Department, who had made a search for fingerprints. This matter was discussed with Lieutenant JOHN J. TIERNEY, who has charge of the Identification Division of the St. Paul Police Department, and he stated that he and his men had made a complete examination of the apartment in question but had failed to find any fingerprints therein.

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J. J. COURTNEY, Assistant United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, reported to this office that he had received information to the effect that MARTIN LEE, Manager of the Cooperative Store, Kellogg, Minnesota, had some information obtained from another party concerning a suspicious meeting of automobiles at Kellogg, Minnesota. The following investigation regarding this report was made by Special Agent R. T. Noonan, who reported as follows:

"Martin Lee, when interviewed, stated that the information he had on this matter came from John Bricher, his neighbor in Kellogg, and that he personally had no knowledge or information. MR. BRICHER came to Lee's residence and when interviewed stated that on the night of January 25, 1934, Thursday, he was standing in Black's Filling Station in Kellogg which is on the corner of Highways No. 3 and No. 42, the main road from the Twin Cities to Winona being No. 3, and No. 42 being the road leading from this highway to Plainview and Rochester, Minnesota. About nine p.m., six large cars approached almost simultaneously, two from the north and two from the south on highway No. 3, and two from the west on Highway No. 42. There were two men in each car and they got out and conferred about five minutes and then all got back in and drove away two each in the same directions that they had come from and the same cars going the same directions, according to Bricher. Bricher stated that he was the only one looking out of the window at the time and he did not think much of this until after the cars had pulled away and then it dawned on him that this was a very unusual meeting and might have been the prearranged meeting of a group of gangsters. Bricher stated that he was not close enough to observe any of the men in the cars and could give no description and as the cars seemed dirty and muddy he did not get the license numbers and did not notice whether they had Minnesota or out-of-State licenses on their cars.

"The above was all the information that Bricher could give on the matter. He fixes the date as January 25, Thursday, as his uncle died the day previous."

The above should be kept in mind should any further developments be received by this office indicating that the automobiles mentioned above had any connection with this case.

Special Agents John V. Anderson and J. E. Brennan conducting the following investigation at 969 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is the address at which the stolen 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, which was used by WALTER MAGEE at the designation of the kidnapers, in the paying of the ransom:

"Memo in Bremer Case:

"Special Agent Anderson and the undersigned made inquiry at 969 University Ave., in front of which address the Chevrolet Coupe furnished

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by the kidnapers, was parked on the night of Feb. 6th. This is a two-story store building, the first of which is occupied by the National Auto Parts Co., none of the employees of which saw the Chevrolet Coupe up to 6:00 p.m., at which time the store was closed.

"Mrs. Emma Glassman, occupant of the 2nd floor of 969 University, stated she noticed no such car in front of the house but her 13-year-old son, Warren, stated that he was going skating one evening, date uncertain, but around Feb. 6th, and noticed a dark red Chevrolet Coupe with a Shell sign on the door, parked in front of the house, this being at 7:00 p.m.; that the car was not there when he returned after 9:00 p.m.

"On the west side of the building is a lot used for storing junked cars, and there is a vacant lot on the east side, no other building being in the immediate vicinity.

"M. J. Kartes, 970 University, stated that he noticed no parked car across the street; that it is quite dark after 6:30 or 7:00 p.m., and it being a wide street, he would be unable to recognize a car even though he was looking for it.

"H. B. Cunningham, 964, and A. E. Miller, 962 University, also stated they saw no car as described above.

J. E. Brennan,  
J. V. Anderson,  
Special Agents."

On February 22, 1934, Special Agents J. E. Brennan and H. H. Reinecke conducted the following investigation as a result of a report made by Captain Mullen of the Minneapolis Police Department:

"2-22-34

"Re: Charles Floyd

"The following telegram was received by the Chief of Police at Minneapolis:

"8:01 P Feb. 22 Chief of Police Mpls. Minn.

Handed from train by unknown party this evening  
this note reading as follows no signature:  
"Thursday 7:30 p.m. suspicious that Pretty Boy  
Floyd and Clyde Barrow on North Coast Limited  
heading south. Inform Mpls. Chief of Police."

"The above was communicated to the St. Paul Division office and Special Agent Reinecke and the undersigned were detailed to confer with Capt. Mullen, Mpls. Police Department, etc.

"The above train was boarded at Mpls. and searched. The train and Pullman conductors and porters interviewed without result. A telegram was sent from Staples to Aurora, Ill., by a Mr. Kent, a passenger, but no one was observed handing off a note at that point.

"The Pullman conductor related that there had been some discussion among the passengers in the train concerning Floyd and Barrow being in Wyoming and Montana because of a news item to that effect appearing in the Butte Daily Post, copy of which was secured, and probably someone in the train became suspicious of a fellow passenger and dropped the note off.

J. E. Brennan, Special Agent."

Special Agent S. K. McKee conducted the following investigation at Portage, Wisconsin, and vicinity, at which place the four 5-gallon gasoline cans were found, which upon examination by the Scientific Laboratory proved to bear the latent fingerprint of "DOC" BARKER. The purpose of the investigation was to secure signed statements from all persons who had any knowledge of or came into contact with the four 5-gallon gasoline cans. Said statements are as follows:

Portage, Wis.  
Feb. 21, 1934.

I, HARRY N. HIBNER, make the following statement to S. K. McKee, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

I am a Deputy Sheriff for Columbia County, Wisconsin, and, reside at Portage, Wis.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1934, Frank Grossman, a farmer residing about seven miles northwest of Portage reported to me that his son, Reuben, had found four five gallon gasoline cans and a ten funnel near his home on the previous wednesday. He said he had read of some such cans being connected with the Bremer kidnaping case, and he was making this report for that reason.

I went to Frank Grossman's home on the next morning and he went with me to his son's garage and turned the four cans and a ten funnel over to me. I do not believe I touched any of the articles with my bare hands. I brought the cans to Portage in my automobile and kept them there until Monday, Feb. 12th, when I turned them over to Special Agent S.K. McKee. The only person who touched these cans while they were at the office, to my knowledge, was Sheriff Robert H. Roche, who unscrewed one of the tin tops and smelled the inside. I do not know whether he wore gloves at the time he touched the one can.

Believing that these cans might have had some connection with the Bremer case, Sheriff Roche sent a telegram to the Department of Justice office at St. Paul advising the cans had been found.

Signed: HARRY N. HIBNER

Witnessed:

S. K. McKee, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

Portage, Wis.  
Feb. 21, 1934.

I, REUBEN GROSSMAN, make the following statement to S. K. McKee, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1934, I went fishing and returned home around 6.00 P.M. proceeding from Route 16 by the county road which leads from Route 16 and comes to an end at my house. At the next to the last corner on this road from my house I noticed several tin five gallon cans laying by the road. Later in the evening I told my father about these cans, and on the way to Portage this same evening we stopped and examined the cans. There were four of them and a medium sized tin funnel. The screw tops to the cans were laying beside them. We both smelled the cans and believed they had contained gasoline. There was a wet spot on the ground near these cans, which I believe was made by the spilling of gasoline.

I talked to my little girl on the same night and she told me the cans were not at the corner when she came home from school around 4.00 P.M. in the afternoon. She said they passed the corner at a distance, having cut the corner, but thought she would have noticed the cans if they had been laying on the ground.

I have been told that Ernest Malisch believes my little girl went to her grandmother's home from school on Wednesday afternoon, but I am positive she did not, as I had told her to go straight home and my wife said she did in fact come home.

On the following morning I went down to the corner and carried the cans and funnel in my car to my garage, where they remained until the following Sunday, when my father turned them over to Deputy Sheriff Harry Hibner.

I do not believe I touched these cans except with gloves on my hands.

(Signed) REUBEN GROSSMAN.

Witnessed:

S. K. McKee, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.



Portage, Wis.  
Feb. 21, 1934.

I, FRANK GROSSMAN, make the following statement to S. K. McKee, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

On Wednesday night, Feb. 7, 1934, my son, Reuben Grossman, told me about having seen several five gallon cans laying by the road corner leading from Route 16 to his house, as he was on his way home around 5.00 P.M. The same night we looked at these cans and smelled them, and formed the opinion they had contained gasoline. The tin screw tops to the cans were laying near the cans, as was a medium sized tin funnel. We left the cans as we found them, but my son told me he took them up to his garage on the next morning.

On the following Saturday I read an article in the "Milwaukee Journal" about some gasoline cans being connected with the Bremer kidnaping case, so I immediately reported finding these cans to Deputy Sheriff Harry Hibner at Portage, Wis. He came to my house on the following morning, a Sunday, and I went to my son's garage and turned the cans, four in number, and the funnel, over to him.

My son, Reuben, was not at home at the time. I do not believe I touched the cans except with gloves on my hands.

I do not know when the cans were left by the road or by whom.

F. R. GROSSMAN.

Witnessed:  
S. K. McKee, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice.



Portage, Wis.  
Feb. 11, 1934

I, ERNEST MILLISCH, make the following statement to S. K. McKee, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

On Sunday, Feb. 11, 1934, Deputy Sheriff Hibner of Portage, Wis. came to my home in his automobile and showed four five gallon tin cans to me and my father. He questioned us about these cans, saying they had been found by Reuben Grossman at the road corner located in the northwest corner of our farm on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 8, 1934. At that time I told Hibner about having seen an automobile stop at the road corner in question, but I was not positive about the date. I can now fix the date as Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1934, as my brother and I hauled tamarack logs all of that week except Tuesday, Feb. 6th, and I remember I saw the car on the date after that on which we didn't haul logs.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7th, I picked up my young brother and three neighbor kids at the Oak Grove School, which is located one mile from our house. I was driving a team of horses and hauling a load of tamarack logs. I drove directly home from the school. At about 4:00 P.M. I was unhitching my team by the sorgham mill which is on the righthand side of the county road leading from Route 16, when I saw a coffee brown colored sedan drive past, having turned into the county road off of Route 16. I was standing about five yards off of the road where this car passed. I believe the car was a Nash, of a late model, but I am not positive it was this make of car. I did not notice what kind of license plates were on the car. I noticed two men in the front seat, but did not see anybody in the rear seat. I believe it would be possible for another person to have been in the rear of the car without being noticed, if that person was slouched down in the seat.

The two men whom I saw appeared to be around thirty years of age, were fairly well dressed, wore overcoats and felt hats, and, I believe the man on the side of the car toward me when it passed wore a light gray overcoat and light colored hat. I did not get a front face glance at either of these men.

This car drove past our house and turned on the left fork of the county road which leads to Reuben Grossman's house. It stopped at the road corner where Deputy Sheriff Hibner told me the four tin cans were found. I was curious about the car and walked to a spot near our house and watched it for several minutes. I saw two men get out of the car and go

around the rear tire, that is the spare tire. I did not see this car  
around and never noticed more than two men in it.

After watching this car for several minutes, I went back to my chores.  
After a period of what I estimate to be a half hour this same car drove past  
our house again headed toward Route 16, but I did not notice the man this  
time, nor did I notice which direction it turned on Route 16.

I have been asked whether Marie Grossman, the little daughter of Reuben  
Grossman, went directly home from school on Wednesday, Feb. 7th. I am  
positive that she did not as I saw her going to the home of her grand-  
mother Mrs. Frank Grossman, at that time I know she did not pass the  
corner where the cans were found.

I have been shown some twenty photographs by Special Agent McKee and I  
believe the side view of Alvin Karpis looks like the man in the coffee  
colored sedan who was riding in the car with the driver.

(Signed) ERNEST MALISCH

Witnessed:

S. K. McKee, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

Special Agent McKee also obtained fingerprints of ROBERT H. ROCHE,  
Sheriff, Portage, Wisconsin, and HARRY N. HIENER, Deputy Sheriff, Portage,  
Wisconsin. These fingerprint cards are being forwarded to the Division by  
letter.

In accordance with a recent request of the Division, an agent  
assigned to this case will secure palm prints of all persons coming in  
contact with the four 5-gallon gasoline cans. Such palm prints will be trans-  
mitted to the Division.

Circular letters have been sent to Catholic priests, Lutheran  
ministers, and mayors of cities, setting forth the various distinguishing  
sounds heard by the victim while in the custody of his abductors. Replies,  
as received, are carefully read and segregated for possible future reference  
or investigation.

The Twin Cities newspapers have been contacted and a list of the persons to whom they forward copies of their papers in other cities in the United States have been secured and appropriate leads have been sent out for the attention of other offices, by letter.

Through the cooperation of HAROLD E. STASSEN, the County Attorney of Dakota County, Minnesota, an envelope of cards, miscellaneous stationery, telephone numbers, and other written matter secured by his office last December at the time a raid was made upon the Hollywood Club at Mendota, Minnesota, which is a gambling "joint" operated by the Twin Cities underworld, was secured and all said matter was copied for possible future use in this investigation. Among other things obtained was a list of telephone numbers which was composed almost entirely of hoodlums' telephone numbers. Three copies of said memorandum are attached hereto for the Division.

The following is a memorandum submitted by Special Agent V. W. Peterson on February 22, 1934:

St. Paul, Minn.

February 22, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING St. Paul file 7-30

While in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin on other business on February 19, 1934, the writer contacted Alex Meunier, Sheriff, Dorr County, Wisconsin, Sturgeon Bay, who advised that on the day following the release of Edward G. Bremer, he observed a Cadillac Sedan equipped with red wire wheels and a trunk on the rear, said Cadillac Sedan bearing Illinois license plates 127013. It was either a 1934 or 1933 license plate. The Cadillac Sedan had a tire on the rear of the trunk. All five tires of the car were white-wall tires. The occupants of the car consisted of two men and two women. One man wore a coon skin fur coat. The car stopped in front of the Swoboda Hotel and the four individuals apparently entered the bar at that place.

The writer contacted Delbert McDonald, Clerk, Swoboda Hotel, who advised that he is of the opinion that the individuals referred to by Sheriff Alex Meunier apparently had visited this community on previous occasions, in view of the fact that one of the men made inquiry concerning residents of the locality. Delbert McDonald was of the opinion that the occupants of the car spent the week end at Cabbotts Lodge, or Fish Creek, which is located in the community.

It is suggested that the 1933 and 1934 Illinois license plates bearing number 127013, be checked immediately for the purpose of determining whether this car might have been connected with the Bremer kidnaping case.

*V. W. Peterson*  
V. W. PETERSON  
Special Agent

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In accordance with the last paragraph of the above memorandum, a letter has been directed to Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois.

Investigation is being vigorously conducted by this office to locate the place in which the Filmolens used in the flashlights, which were placed by the kidnapers upon a mound near the place of the payoff. Investigation is likewise being conducted to locate the place where the electric lantern was purchased, for possible identification of the purchaser. This was likewise found near the place where the \$200,000 ransom was paid.

Efforts are being made to locate the store in which the socks, shirt, and underwear, given to the kidnaped victim before his release, were purchased. In order to facilitate such investigation, cross indexing is being done of the stores in which all three articles could have been purchased as it is possible that the three articles were purchased in the same store, or in the same community.

The files in this office which might have some relation to this case, that is, involving the same persons suspected in this matter, are being reviewed, and photographs of suspects are being secured from various sources by letter, copies of which letters the Division has received.

Interviews with Victim BREMER have been had daily by Inspector W. A. Rorer. Very little of importance since the submission of the last report has been obtained from him. He was questioned concerning any camping trips which he took during the past winter and fall, and he stated that together with JOHN MILLER, PAUL HECHT, DAVIS FREIDEN and FREIDEN'S son and the son's friend, he spent several days during October, 1935, at Island Lake, Minnesota. He was specifically questioned concerning this trip in view of the fact that JOHN MILLER had informed Agent Coulter that MILLER, without any reason to believe it, considered it possible that the heavy set man which he and the victim met at Island Lake last fall may have been the "finger man" in this case. BREMER stated that on that trip, there was a man and his wife staying at Island Lake upon their arrival; that the man's first name was TEK, the last name unknown; that he was short in stature but stockily built and was believed by the victim to be part white and part Indian. He stated that this man and his wife are well known to the proprietors of Whalens cottage where victim's party stayed.

In addition to this couple, victim stated that on the last day he was at Island Lake, two men arrived whom he did not know but who knew him by name. He was questioned concerning their identity and professed not to know their identity but finally stated that he believed that one man's name was BANGS. Concerning the first name of this person, victim stated that he was not sure but possibly it was TOM. When questioned as to this person's occupation, he stated that he operates a wagon shop at Minneapolis, which shop



victim, together with PAUL HECHT (a friend of victim) had visited sometime last summer with a view toward purchasing a trailer for victim's car for camping purposes. Victim explained that PAUL HECHT is a very close personal friend of victim, of high character.

In connection with the identity of the other person who was with BANGS, victim stated that he was not sure but believed his name was PFEIFFER. He claimed not to know his first name. It was obvious that victim was referring to none other than TOM BANGS and JACK PFEIFFER; and he was asked whether he knew these persons' identity and he stated that he did not. He denied that he had ever heard that these two persons were connected with the underworld in the Twin Cities and that either one or both were financially interested in any of the night clubs in this vicinity. This is obviously an untruth because of the general reputation of these two men and the newspaper notoriety which they have received in past years.

Agents at the St. Paul office are of the impression that TEX is a criminal who is employed by TOM BANGS or the syndicate which is controlled through BANGS or BANGS and PFEIFFER. His identity will be determined.

Very little further information is being obtained from victim which appears to be of importance. He was questioned minutely concerning the happening on the morning of the abduction. He admitted that the windows in his automobile were closed at the time of the abduction and that it was necessary for the right door to be opened by one of the kidnapers before any threat was made of victim or prior to the time he saw the pistol. It was explained to him that it was impossible to conceive how he could not have seen the faces of the two men who approached his car, and victim became very angry and stated that at no time had he seen the person of any of the men and that under no conditions would the Government be able to obtain any identification from him. On each occasion when victim was pressed for an identification, he has become highly excited and angry. In connection with all other information which victim has given to this office, he claims that all of it is true, particularly with reference to what happened at the hideout.

In connection with the car in which victim was returned from the hideout, he has indicated that it was larger than the one in which he rode on the day of the abduction, but has failed to satisfactorily indicate the make of the car.

Previous investigation at Lewiston, Minnesota, has developed that a short time prior to the release of victim at Rochester, Minnesota, a car believed to be a 1933 Buick Sedan, stopped at a filling station and purchased gasoline, at which time three rifles or guns were seen in the rear of the car. Further intensive investigation is being conducted at Lewiston, Minnesota, and it is

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believed that these circumstances will coincide with those described by victim wherein he stated that about one hour prior to his release, at Rochester, he was taken out of the car by two of the men while the other car drove back for some purpose. Photographs will be exhibited at this filling station. Previous investigation at Lewiston disclosed that a suspicious Buick purchased 15 gallons of gasoline which, if true, will indicate that 15 gallons of gasoline were used to cover the distance from Portage, Wisconsin, to Lewiston, Minnesota, which is approximately 150 miles. Investigation discloses that a 1933 Buick Sedan would not average more than 10 or 11 miles to the gallon. In view of this, it is possible that approximately 200 miles were travelled on the day of victim's return prior to the refilling of the gasoline tank at Portage.

At this time, investigation is being conducted for the purpose of ascertaining whether the writing paper used in this case was purchased in the Twin Cities.

It is believed that primary consideration at this time should be given to the location of the hideout, and the answers to the circular letters which are being received at this office are being carefully scrutinized.

The distribution of sirens in adjoining States by several manufacturers has been checked and siren operators have been circularized.

Through the telephone offices at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Special Agent R. L. Nells has obtained a list of toll calls covering the period from November 20, 1933, to February 2, 1934, from the following persons:

Herb's Garage, St. Paul  
Patrick's Novelty (Operated by TOM FILEIN)  
Hollyhocks Club (Jack Pfeiffer)  
Harry's Speakeasy  
Hollywood Club (Jack Davenport)  
Jack Davenport  
Abe Ginsberg  
"Doc" Steinhardt (this is Frisco Dutch Steinhardt  
alias Stein)  
Tom Banks

The calls made from all of the above phones were numerous and are being investigated at this time.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

Chicago Office will make appropriate inquiry to determine whether E. V. DAVIS has resided in the past at 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. For the assistance of the Chicago office, a tracing of DAVIS' signature is attached to copies of this report designated for that office.

PENDING

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 21, 1934

MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
MR. COWLEY.....  
MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
MR. LOCKE.....  
MR. RORER.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Special Agent in Charge Harvey, of Philadelphia, by telephone, on other matters, he stated that in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case, he had received an undeveloped lead from the St. Paul Office asking that he contact all news dealers to see who had purchased St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers since the Bremer Kidnaping. Mr. Harvey pointed out that there is no centralized distributing point for these newspapers in that territory; that there were more than 1500 such dealers, and it would tie up his office almost indefinitely to get this information, so he had wired the St. Paul Office inquiring if they could obtain the information as to what dealers handled these papers from the papers in St. Paul. He has heard nothing from them and wanted to know what to do.

I told him to write directly to Mr. Rorer, at St. Paul, air mail, to ascertain Mr. Rorer's desires concerning this lead.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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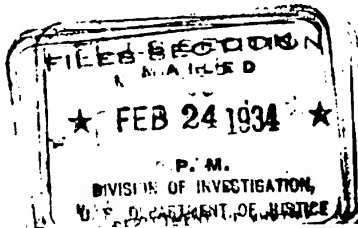
February 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

In regard to your memorandum of February 21, 1934, covering a phone conversation had with Mr. Harvey of the Philadelphia Office, relative to a request which he received from St. Paul for certain information concerning the purchasing of the St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers, I wish that you would follow up this matter for me, and ascertain who made the request from the St. Paul Office for this matter and also why Mr. Harvey's inquiry of the St. Paul Office for additional information was not answered. I want to keep a careful check on the things that have not been properly handled in this matter of the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul, and for that reason I would like to have this information.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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February 23, 1934

Editor,  
Red Wing Daily Republican,  
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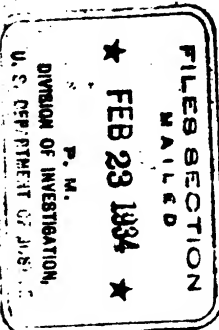
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Dear Sir:

There has been referred to me a copy of an editorial appearing in the Red Wing Daily Republican on Tuesday, February 13, 1934, the title of which is "Hints For Department of Justice". The editorial expresses the belief that a different policy should be pursued by Department of Justice operatives with regard to publishing material information received in kidnaping cases, particularly, and special reference was made to the publication of information concerning the wallpaper pattern which allegedly might be found on the walls of the house in which Mr. Bremer was held pending ransom negotiations, and also concerning the indication that the serial numbers of the bills paid as ransom had been listed.

Due to the fact that the operatives referred to in the editorial are very likely the Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, I desire to take occasion to commend your attitude as expressed in the editorial. I have caused investigation to be made and it has been definitely established that the indication that a wallpaper pattern had been identified, or that the serial numbers had been listed, was not released by any employee of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. I share with you the views expressed in the editorial that whenever such information, if it in fact be true, is discovered that it certainly should not be released for publication. I am firmly of the opinion that the plans for investigations should not be published, or that the findings should not become known because our experience has shown that in several cases kidnapers have made a practice of getting all available newspapers each day during the negotiations for the return of the victim in an effort to keep themselves informed as to the activities of the police and other investigative organizations. Whether the indication that a definite pattern of wallpaper had been identified, or that the serial numbers had been listed be true or false, I agree with your expressed belief that this information should not be published, and I desire to take this occasion to inform you that



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this information did not emanate from any employees of this Division, who are trained and instructed in this respect.

I felt that you would be interested in knowing this policy of this Division, and for this reason I have taken the liberty to express to you these views and methods of procedure in so far as Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice are concerned.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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| MR. NATHAN.....  |
| MR. TOLSON.....  |
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### HINTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

We believe that a different policy should be pursued by Department of Justice operatives and other officials charged with the duty of apprehending kidnapers and other criminals.

It seems strange that so many facts regarding crimes and steps taken to detect criminals get into the paper before they are "ripe" for publication. Through the newspapers bandits and other enemies of law and order are kept pretty well posted in advance as to what the authorities are doing and when and how they are going to do it.

Take the Bremer kidnaping case for instance. It was given to the press that a certain pattern of wall paper where Mr. Bremer was held captive was so well remembered by him that he could make a drawing of it. The publication of this several days ago could possibly have enabled those guilty in changing the paper or destroying the building, thus obliterating a very important piece of evidence. Also, it has taught the bandits another trick, namely, that no man kidnaped in the future would be permitted to see or hear anything.

There may be hundreds of houses in the United States where the same pattern of wall paper may be found. The Department of Justice could find all of these houses, we believe, by quiet and unpublished procedure. A pattern sent to the few manufacturers of wall paper would soon discover when and where that wall paper had been sold, through mail order houses or wholesalers. The local dealers and the houses supplied direct, if from a mail order house, could be ascertained. It could be traced down to the very man who papered the house. And then there would be something definite to work on.

We believe that another mistake was made when it was published after the ransom had been paid that serial numbers of all bills had been taken down. That would undoubtedly arouse the ire of the bandits with the notion that they had been "double-crossed" and would make them all the more careful in the distribution of their ill-gotten money. The information could have been sent to all the banks of the Country without the abductors being the wiser and with better chance to apprehend them.

It seems that many officials are too anxious to get their names in print in connection with certain discoveries in criminal matters which they presume will bring credit to themselves when their lips should be sealed until the criminals have been apprehended.

Scotland Yard doesn't do things that way. Its operatives arrest the criminal first and talk afterwards. American crime detection officials better take a lesson from Scotland Yard.

RED WING DAILY REPUBLICAN, RED WING, MINNESOTA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1934

*Editorial  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 24, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Enclosed herewith are the fingerprints of Harry N. Hibner, Deputy Sheriff, and Robert H. Roche, Sheriff, both of Portage, Wisconsin. These fingerprints were secured by Special Agent S. K. McKee and are to be considered by the Division in connection with the four 5-gallon gasoline cans found near Portage, Wisconsin, on one of which cans was found a latent fingerprint of "Doc" Barker. The fingerprints transmitted herewith are for elimination purposes.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREWER, victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file No. 7-30

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. R. McIntire, dated Chicago, Illinois February 21, 1934, in the above entitled case.

It is respectfully requested that a search be made of the records of your office with the view in mind of securing a photograph and fingerprints of JEW EDDIE and RED McLAUGHLIN, forwarding a copy each of such photographs to this office, and directing a communication to the Division, stating that at the request of this office fingerprints of the above named individuals should be placed in the single finger-print file, for comparison purposes with latent prints.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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| MR. Nathan.....  |
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| MR. Lester.....  |
| MR. Locke.....   |
| MR. Rorer.....   |

HHC:DSS

I telephoned Mr. Rorer and explained the unavailability of Agents Andersen and Klein. Mr. Rorer stated that there was a large accumulation of leads and his greatest need at the moment was man power and he had simply suggested these names as preferable; that any two good wide-awake Agents would do and he agreed that Agent R. D. Brown at Cincinnati and D. L. Nicholson at Detroit would be satisfactory. Telegrams have been dispatched to the Cincinnati and Detroit offices requesting these Agents to proceed immediately to St. Paul and report to Mr. Rorer.

I asked Mr. Rorer the significance of the bag which had been forwarded to the laboratory. He stated that a letter should have been sent with the bag explaining its significance and what was wanted, but that at any rate the bag had been left in a lock box at a bus station in St. Paul and in it was a pillow and instructions for the delivery of the money to Des Moines; that the bag and pillow were forwarded so that they could be studied as to possible age, amount of use, possible manufacture, fingerprints and any other latent evidence so that if it was possible both the bag and the pillow might be traced. Mr. Coffey has been telephonically advised of this.

At Mr. Newby's suggestion I inquired of Mr. Rorer concerning the laws relative to the filling of gasoline cans in Illinois since it is understood that in Wisconsin it is a violation of law to fill cans with gasoline unless they are painted red. He stated they were bearing this in mind but as yet had not considered it necessary to follow this lead as they considered it more important to determine the place of manufacture and distribution of the cans.

Respectfully,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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| MR. NATHAN  | ..... |
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| MR. LOCKE   | ..... |
| MR. HONER   | ..... |

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called from St. Paul and advised that the Chief of Police and the Chief of Detectives at St. Paul had just been in to see him. He stated that the Chief of Police has requested him to convey to the Attorney General his request that the Attorney General specifically state, if it possibly can be done, whether he, the Attorney General, has confidence in the Chief of Police at St. Paul. Mr. Nathan advised him that, of course, he had no means of conveying that request to the Attorney General, but he would convey it to Mr. Hoover. Mr. Nathan further advised that the Chief of Police contemplates wiring the Attorney General along the same lines.

Upon inquiry of him, Mr. Nathan stated that it was his personal opinion that the Chief of Police is absolutely honest; that he has been compelled to combat extremely undesirable conditions; that he has in his force people he cannot get rid of and people in whom he has no confidence, but that he personally believes the Chief of Police is safe. Mr. Nathan, however, does not think the Chief of Police is very intelligent.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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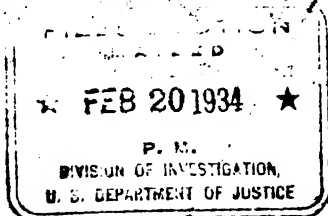
February 20, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In connection with your case entitled Unknown Subjects,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, there are transmitted herewith  
for use in the investigation a total of twelve photographs representing  
two views of the four gasoline cans and funnel submitted by your office.  
In this connection it will be noted the design on the top of one can  
differs from that on the other three.

The Division has been advised that the samples of gasoline  
which were found in these cans have been determined to be of three  
different kinds. Further examination is being made in an effort to  
determine the identity of each and you will be advised of the results.



Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #787082.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

February 22, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Pat Crowe came to this office on February 21, 1934, and stated that in connection with the Timphy, whom he had previously implicated as being one of Bremer's kidnapers, while serving a 60 or 90 days sentence at Leavenworth, Kansas, during 1906, 1907, or 1908, struck a guard on the head with a shovel, or some other implement, for which he was later convicted and sentenced to serve an additional two years. Mr. Crowe stated he was submitting this information so as to make it possible to identify this individual. His principal reason, however, in coming to the office seemed to be for the purpose of being sent to St. Paul to work on this case. He stated that he felt certain if he were in St. Paul he could readily learn the identity of the kidnapers and perhaps locate some of the ransom money.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Corley*  
S. P. Corley.

*Mr. Newby was present during this interview*

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
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St. Paul, Minnesota.

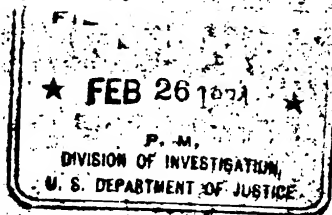
Dear Sir:

With further reference to the Bremer Kidnaping  
case, there is enclosed herewith a copy of a memorandum  
relative to a further interview with Pat Grove.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 683402





Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

February 25, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Re - UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:-

Referring to Division letter in the above entitled matter, dated February 21, 1934, with which were enclosed group photographs of certain members of the so-called Barker-Karpis Gang, bearing descriptive information concerning each of those individuals, which were for distribution to the Special Agents assigned to this Division office, it is requested that additional supply of five of the above mentioned group photographs be forwarded to this office in order that one copy may be made available to each agent presently assigned here.

Very truly yours,

M. W. MEERKINS, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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March 3, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward G. Bremer-Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sirs:

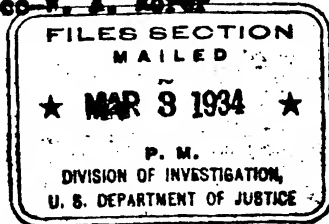
In reply to your request dated February 25, 1934,  
there are transmitted herewith an additional supply of the  
group photograph of certain members of the so-called Barker-  
Karpis gang.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 685092

cc - W. A. Rorer



*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten signature]*

U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

February 26, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. OBREMER, JR. - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent J. L. Fallon has informed me that during the time he was stationed at the Oklahoma City Office as resident agent at Tulsa, Oklahoma, he became well acquainted with Chief of Detectives Jack Bohner and Detective Roy Gardner; that these individuals discussed the modus operandi of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis and, according to Agent Fallon, both of these men possess considerable information as to their activities, as well as home surroundings, relatives, and personal friends.

The foregoing is submitted in order that if this has not already been done, these officers can be interviewed for the benefit of what information they might have in regard to these subjects.

Very truly yours,

*R. G. Harvey*  
R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul

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TO DIVISION:

THIS FORM LETTER SENT TO CITIZENS LOCATED IN WISCONSIN AND  
ILLINOIS - LOCATED IN ST. PAUL, CHICAGO, and ST. LOUIS TERRITORY.  
(MAILED TO MINISTERS OF AMERICAN, DANISH, AND GERMAN LUTHERAN  
U. S. Department of Justice CHURCHES)

Bureau of Investigation

P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 21, 1934.

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Dear Sir:

Your assistance is respectfully requested by the  
Division of Investigation of the U.S. Department of Justice in the  
location of a community, a point from which could have been heard  
the following sounds:

1. A loud stationary siren, which would sound early  
each week day morning and at approximately the same time that a fac-  
tory whistle blew. This siren was heard to blow only on week days  
with the exception of one Sunday morning at which time it gave three  
or four short soundings. The factory whistle blew each morning and  
evening but not at noon.
2. From the place from which this siren could be  
heard, there could be heard a church bell which rang each Saturday  
afternoon and again several times each Sunday morning but not on any  
other day or at any other time. There could also be heard another  
church bell which rang on each Sunday morning. This bell rang on only  
one occasion each Sunday.
3. From the same place could be heard a shifting loco-  
motive engine and many passing railroad trains and, occasionally, aero  
planes.

Since you are believed to be familiar with the ringing  
of church bells in your community, it is respectfully requested that  
you advise by return mail, in the enclosed self-addressed franked en-  
velope, which requires no postage, whether the place we are endeavor-  
ing to locate could be in your vicinity.

It is requested that the contents of this letter be  
kept in strict confidence.

Your prompt reply and any assistance which you may be able to  
render will be gratefully appreciated.

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Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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W.A. RORER

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TO DIVISION:

THIS FORM LETTER SENT TO GAME WARDENS LOCATED IN WISCONSIN  
and ILLINOIS, in CITIES LOCATED IN ST. PAUL, CHICAGO, AND  
ST. LOUIS DIVISION OFFICE TERRITORY.

U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 21, 1934.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

Your assistance is respectfully requested by the Division of Investigation of the U.S. Department of Justice in the location of a community, a point from which could have been heard the following sounds:

1. A loud stationary siren, which would sound early each week day morning and at approximately the same time that a factory whistle blew. This siren was heard to blow only on week days with the exception of one Sunday morning at which time it gave three or four short soundings.

2. From the place from which this siren could be heard, there could also be heard a church bell which rang each Saturday afternoon and again several times each Sunday morning but not on any other day or at any other time. There could also be heard another church bell which rang only on each Sunday morning. This bell rang on only one occasion each Sunday.

3. From the same place could be heard a shifting locomotive engine and many passing railroad trains and, occasionally, aero planes.

In this same locality, or nearby, it is reported that the game warden, or deputy warden, during January, 1934, was troubled by children fishing with several fishing lines.

If you can assist us in any manner in fixing the location of such a place, it will be appreciated if you will contact your deputies and promptly advise me in the enclosed self-addressed franked envelope which requires no postage.

It is requested that the contents of this letter be kept in strict confidence.

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Very truly yours, W. A. Rorer

W. A. RORER, INSPECTOR

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1800 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

February 23, 1934

Hon. Ernest J. Krutzman  
Postmaster  
U. S. Court House  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Office, it is respectfully requested that a thirty-day mail cover be maintained on all first class mail received by Mr. or Mrs. Philip Newbold, 2840 North Francisco, Chicago, Illinois, or any other persons receiving mail at this home.

It is also requested that a similar cover be maintained on all first class mail addressed to John Karparras, 2842 North Francisco, or any other persons receiving mail at that home.

It is desired that tracings be forwarded to this Office immediately upon their receipt, and in forwarding such tracings it is requested that a reference be made to our file number 7-82.

You may be assured that your cooperation in this matter is deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. SMITH  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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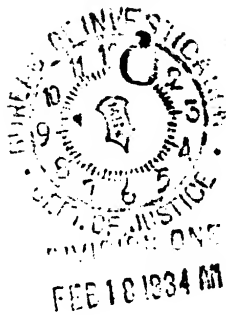
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BREKID KATE BARKER IS FIFTY NINE YEARS FIVE FEET FOUR  
INCHES ONE FIFTY POUNDS MEDIUM BLOND BOBBED AND MARCELLED  
HAIR GOOD DRESSER OCCASIONALLY WEARS GLSSES NO INFORMATION  
AS TO ARREST RECORD

RORER.

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February 20, 1934.

Unknown Subject, Miss Ford and Henry Ford II.  
Victims; Extortion.

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1 envelope addressed to Mr. Howard A. Woolverton and postmarked Chicago, Ill., 2-24-34. 1 letter addressed to Mr. Woolverton beginning "this is to inform you". "Further instructions" are the beginning words of the second page. Photostatic copy of letter and envelope addressed to victim postmarked Kansas City, Mo., 2-1-34, letter marked as exhibit 5. Photostatic copy of letter and envelope addressed to victim and postmarked 2-4-34. Exhibit 1. 1 newspaper of re instant case. 1 envelope addressed to postmaster, Rochester, Minn. with note enclosed beginning "Enclosed are postage stamps".

Chicago and Kansas City offices.

February 12 and 14, 1934.

Handwriting, typewriting, and fingerprint.  
Comparison with Bremer notes also.

G.A. Appel.

February 12. The typewriter used in the case of Howard A. Woolverton, Victim, was a Remington Portable, 1100 size. It is, therefore, not the same typewriter as in the Bremer case; moreover, there are no striking points of similarity in the composition.

The Woolverton letters were compared with those in the case of Miss Ford. The pencil handprinting in these two cases is very similar. There are some points of dissimilarity which make it impossible to reach a conclusive decision at this time. The rest of the original letters in the Woolverton case are needed for comparison. It should be noted that the composition in the two cases is similar indicating in both the education of the writer and similarity of modus operandi. For instance, in the Ford case the phrases "negotiation for money will cease", "precisely", "subject to injury", "most minute detail", "maintain himself", and "preferably" were used. The third person is used in each and in the Ford case the name Harold C. Benson is suggested for an alias the contact man who is to get mailed messages, to register at a hotel, and to place an advertisement in the personal column of the newspaper under the name Robert L. Murphy, signing the initials H.C.B.

In the Woolverton case the phrases "I presume", "do not expect any mercy whatsoever", "ample", "if you ignore this" and "your entire holdings were used. Similarly in this case a name is suggested as an alias for the contact man, R. G. Thompson, who is to register at a hotel in another city and to be given further instructions.

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The envelopes and stationery in the two cases are not similar. The typewritten letter in the Woolverton case was not written on the same machine as that of Blackwell who wrote to Ford from the Victory Hotel, Detroit, September 29, 1933, regarding skin diseases.

A complete comparison cannot be made with the typewriting in the case of Dr. Catesman, New York office of origin, but it is believed that these are dissimilar.

Comparisons were made in the cases of McManara, Doris Duke, Wallace, and Hall without revealing any similarities.

In the Ford case it is noted that the arrangements for the money indicate one package is to contain 6 fives and 7 tens which is \$100 in small bills, the rest \$25 twenties. The other packages, of which there are six, are likewise to contain 6 fives and 7 tens and the rest twenties. Undoubtedly this provision of \$100 in fives and tens is to permit the use of this change at once. It would seem also that the division of the money into these packages indicates at least seven individuals or groups of individuals inasmuch as the purpose would be to allow quick division in making a getaway as well as easier examination.

Letter addressed to Postmaster (Ford Case)

The envelope and letter paper is similar and apparently was purchased together, probably in the same box, being a good grade of note paper. The envelope measures 7.54 by 5.91 inches and the letter 7.8 by 10.6 inches. There is no water-mark in this paper. The typewriting on both the envelope and the letter is apparently that of a Noisless equipped with Pica type. It, therefore, is not similar to any other typewriting.

The letter of Special Agent in Charge Conroy, dated February 12, 1934, has been carefully read and it may be that there are additional memoranda which will explain the situation but the circumstances under which this letter was handled by the post office are not clear. The letter bears a rubber stamp, "date February 8" which is presumed to be that of the postmaster. This should be determined by interview. Likewise it is stated that the letter was found by one of the railway mail clerks in the railway mail box at the end of the railway station at Rochester. There is a statement that there were three railway mail clerks, one of whom found the letter. The stamp on the outside of this letter was not cancelled in the regular way but was delivered to the postmaster uncanceled and thereafter a smudge of red ink was placed on it as a cancellation. If it has not been done it is suggested that all of the details as to the finding of the letter and its handling in the post office be developed, each of the persons handling the letter being interviewed. This suggestion is forwarded upon the possibility that a knowledge of post office methods at least is indicated by the use of this letter and if it can be shown there is a possibility that the letter



was prepared by someone in the post office service, possibly a railway mail clerk or a friend of such, then a lead of importance will have been developed.

This is particularly brought to mind by the S X Murder Case in New York City, the letters of which were compared in the laboratory with the Lindbergh Kidnaping case. On these letters appeared a rubber stamp in the form of a circle in which with a rubber stamp had been placed the signature used by this anonymous writer consisting of an inverted V, a V, and S X. A close examination of this circle indicates it was quite probably a time stamp such as appeared on several of the envelopes in that very case. These stamps bear degree marks around the inside of the circle indicating the time of day. On the one used by SX the stubs of these marks could be seen by careful microscopic examination. On other portions of the letter SX also used rubber stamps such as might be in the possession of a post office clerk. He stated in his letters that he travelled. Perhaps this travel was in the railway mail service. One of the letters was first mailed in Brooklyn. In some manner unknown this letter was taken out of the mail by SX and the letter was later mailed in Manhattan. A study of the handwriting of SX indicates some similarities with the Lindbergh extortion letters although it is not believed at the present that he wrote them.

It is believed this mistake of the extortionist in omitting the stamp should be the best chance for a lead inasmuch as the forwarding of the stamps must have been done hurriedly and without the calculated care used in the other parts of the scheme. For this reason every detail should be investigated.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT THE TRANSMITTAL.

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2 - Agent Conroy Lindbergh, McManara,  
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U. S. Department of Justice  
**Bureau of Investigation**  
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 26, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

Responding to your letter of February 24, 1934, you are informed that there are located within the Philadelphia Office jurisdiction 782 banks, both state and national.

It is suggested that approximately 800 circulars be forwarded this office in the future for circularization of the banks in this district.

Very truly yours

*R. G. Harvey*  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers' Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

IN RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

On the early morning of December 15, 1934, five or probably six men entered the home of Don Hasebroek, 1346 High Street, Topeka, Kansas, in an effort to cause Mr. Hasebroek, who is employed as main teller of the National Bank of Topeka, Topeka, Kansas, to open the vault of the bank for the unknown men. They assaulted Mr. Hasebroek and a six months old child, but upon being convinced that Hasebroek could not gain them entrance to the bank or the vault they departed at about 4 o'clock in the morning.

Shortly thereafter the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office, Topeka, Kansas, conducted an immediate investigation, and in the yard of the Hasebroek residence a billfold was found containing a Conditional Sales Agreement between the Ford Motor Sales Company, 117 West University Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, and T.L. Carroll, 668 Central Park, St. Paul, Minnesota, covering the sale of a Ford DeLuxe Coupe, Motor number 283351; that said agreement was dated May 13, 1933, and an assignment appears on the agreement from T. L. Carroll to the Republic Finance Company. The agreement was witnessed by a Notary Public, the signature of which is not clearly legible but appears to be H. Imholte, and the signature of the representative of the Ford Motor Sales Company also appears on this agreement and appears to be J. P. Hackman.

The St. Paul Office telephonically advised that the Ford Motor Sales Company had sold several cars to members of the gang with which Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, suspects in the above titled case and also in the Kansas City massacre.

In addition to the above conditional sales agreement there was also found in the billfold a business card of O. W. Smith, Jr.

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lawyer, 1 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the back of which was written an address 2450 North Clarke Street, Ted Gleeman, Jail Cafe, Diversey 10160, the latter probably being the telephone number.

A copy of a Retail Buyer's Order for the previously described Ford was also found and indicated that a used car had been traded in at the time of the purchase of the new car. Also a license receipt issued to T. L. Carroll, 668 Central Park Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for Minnesota license B-337821; one \$20.00 bill issued by the Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, bearing serial number 100065097A and two \$1.00 bills. In addition to the above described articles a pencil memorandum was found in the billfold containing the telephone number Drexel 0780, room 21, and the name Gloria Passen.

Sheriff Rogers, of Topeka, Kansas, advised Special Agent Trainor of this office, by long distance telephone on the morning of February 16th, that after his return to Topeka the previous night he had shown photographs of various individuals to Mr. Hasselbrock, and that photograph identifications of Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, and Thomas Carroll were identified as three of the individuals who participated in attempted bank robbery.

He stated also that in view of the fact that the address of Gloria Passen was shown as that of a hotel, name not mentioned, pursuant to the room number shown on the card found in the billfold, he had endeavored to locate a hotel having telephone number Drexel 0780. He ascertained by long distance telephone that Drexel 0780 is the telephone number of the Draceton Hotel at 4249 Drexel Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Rogers requested that immediate contact be had by the Kansas City Office with the Chicago Office of the Division in order that investigation might be made at the hotel in question since it appears that Gloria Passen is a friend of some of the members of this group, possibly of T. L. Carroll. Acting Special Agent in Charge M. C. Spear notified the Chicago Office of this information by telephone on February 16th. The Chicago Office was advised at that time that there was a circular outstanding by the Post Office Department for Carroll. This circular bears Post Office case number 36917-D and is dated December 1, 1933, being issued by H. E. Randall, Post Office Inspector in Charge, St. Paul, Minnesota, and bears the photograph of Thomas Carroll, alias Tommy Carroll, Roy James Brock, Frank Sloan and Frank Slone, St. Paul Police Department #23979. The photo-

graph in question bears date of May 18, 1933 which, it will be noted, is five days subsequent to the date of the conditional sales agreement for the Ford car previously referred to in this letter.

As previously requested by telephone the St. Paul Office should furnish the Kansas City Office at the earliest possible date any information in their possession concerning Thomas Carroll and the Ford Motor Sales Company at St. Paul, Minnesota. An effort to identify Thomas Carroll as the person who purchased the Ford Coupe, motor number 283351, and any other information which would indicate that Carroll is a member of the Karpis Barker gang. The date of the release of Carroll from custody by the St. Paul Police Department should also be ascertained, and any facts which might indicate his participation in the Union Station massacre at Kansas City on January 17, 1933, should be developed.

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Several photographs of Carroll should be obtained from the St. Paul Police Department and forwarded to the Kansas City Office.

The Chicago Office will conduct the appropriate investigation at the Draceton Hotel, Chicago, as previously requested by telephone.

Very truly yours,

M. G. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division  
cc - St. Paul  
cc - K. C. File 62-760-

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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February 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

With reference to Kansas City letter, dated February 16, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Division office, in the case of EDWARD G. BREMER, KIDNAPING, I called Acting Special Agent in Charge M. C. Spear of the Kansas City office to make certain that the \$20.00 bill referred to on page 2 of that letter, bearing number I0006097A was not a \$10.00 Federal Reserve bank note, which serial number appears on the list of ransom notes of \$10.00 denomination, on page 13a, last column to the right, ninth from the bottom. Mr. Spear advised that he had checked this number against the list in the possession of the Kansas City office and did not find it listed therein.

At the time I talked to Mr. Spear he was not at the office but stated that he would begin to make a check on the information received over the telephone from the Sheriff's office at Topeka, Kansas. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Spear telephoned and stated that he had made a check and had found the number appearing on the Bremer list of notes but that he had also telephoned to the Sheriff at Topeka, Kansas and had verified the fact that the bill found there was a \$20.00 bill and not a \$10.00 bill. He stated further that Special Agent R. C. Suran was presently engaged in running out the information reflected in the Kansas City letter referred to above, at Topeka, Kansas.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
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Division of Investigation,  
Suite 1 -  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
February 24, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to Division letter dated  
February 17, 1934, requesting that there be submitted to the Division  
at once a list of all wire taps which had been installed in this  
territory by this office since January 1, 1933.

In the case entitled Vernon C. Miller (de-  
ceased) et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, a tap was placed  
upon the telephone of F. E. Mulloy, 14 East 56th Street Terrace, Kan-  
sas City, Missouri, Telephone No. Harrison 0852; this tap having been  
placed on June 22, 1933, and extended up until July 21, 1933. Assistant  
Director Harold Nathan was at the Kansas City Division office at the  
time this tap was placed, and he authorized the same after he had tele-  
phonically conversed with the Division on or about June 22, 1933, it  
being believed that he spoke to the Director relative to this authori-  
zation.

A tap was placed on the telephone of  
Herbert A. Farmer, telephone number 1541-W-2, Joplin, Missouri, on  
June 24, 1933, and a similar tap was placed on the phone at that time  
of Frank Vaughn, telephone number 4271, Joplin, Missouri, both of these  
taps expiring on July 7, 1933. These taps were placed pursuant to  
authority of Assistant Director Harold Nathan, who was at the Kansas  
City Division office on this case at that time, and it is believed  
that he received authorization from the Director in a telephonic con-  
versation with him on or before the first day of the tap.

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A tap was also placed on the telephone of Carl Rosso, 128 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone number Grand 9030, this tap having been placed on September 30, 1933, and expired on October 17, 1933. Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy received telephonic authorization to place this tap on the morning of September 30, 1933, through telephonic conversation with Mr. V. W. Hughes of the Division.

The Division is respectfully advised that there appears to have been no letter of authorization ever received from the Division relative to these telephone taps.

In the case captioned Unknown Subjects, Ray E. Skidmore, Victim, Clarence E. King, Victim - Extortion, the following telephone observation and taps were had:

| Telephone Number:                        | Place                                   | Date placed: | Date Division authorized: | Date removed: |
|--|---|--------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Independence, Mo. #2060                  | U.S.P.O., Independence, Mo.             | 1-17-34      | 1-22-34                   | 2-15-34       |
| Independence, Mo., #1798                 | R. E. Tindall, "                        | "            | "                         | "             |
| Independence, Mo., #63                   | Dimoush Planing Mill Indep.             | 1-2-34       |                           | 1-22-34       |
| "  | " " " "                                 | 1-23-34      | 1-23-34                   | 2-15-34       |
| Sugar Creek, Mo., #3715                  | John O'Renicks, Sugar Creek,            | 1-22-34      | 1-22-34                   | "             |
| Independence, Mo. J.O. Mack, Indep., Mo. | "                                       | "            | "                         | "             |
| Independence, Mo. #1084-J                | Ada Hopkins, "                          | "            | "                         | "             |
| Sugar Creek, Mo. #943                    | Standard Oil Bulk Sta., Sugar Creek, Mo | "            | "                         | "             |

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The Division is respectfully advised that there existed a misunderstanding relative to the Division's desires on records of telephone taps at the beginning of the above, in view of the fact that from January 17th to January 22nd, the telephone company was gratuitously making observations of calls received over the telephone numbers mentioned and was supplying the information to Agents of this Division office without any charge therefor. I was not of the opinion at the time that in those cases where a telephone company was voluntarily and gratuitously furnishing the information it was necessary to receive prior authorization from the Division; accordingly, the authorization of the above phones was not received until January 22, 1934, when it was transferred by telephone with Mr. H. H. Clegg of the Division. The observation of the Demoush Planing Mill, telephone number 63, was placed on January 20, 1934; was removed on January 22, 1934, as it was not thought important, and it was necessary to have another telephone number substituted for this, however, the observation of telephone number 63 was renewed on January 23, 1934, upon telephonic authorization from Mr. Clegg of the Division on that date, and was continued until February 15, 1934. The Division is respectfully referred to my letter dated January 23, 1934, particularly page two, for confirmation of my telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg relative to the above described telephone observations. No letter of authorization relative to these telephone taps has been received.

O In the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping, a tap was placed on February 12, 1934, on the office and residence telephones of Vernon Lynch, Des Moines, Iowa, telephone numbers 3-3271, 3-3272 and 5-0425. These taps are still in existence at the writing of this letter and were placed at the request of Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni on February 12, 1934, as he advised that prior authority had been received from the Division to place them. Information relative to the placing of these taps is set out in my letter to the Division dated February 19, 1934; it will be noted in that letter that I have only mentioned telephone number 3-3271 for Mr. Lynch's office phone, however, he has two consecutive numbers for his office, 3-3271 and 3-3272, and the tap, of course is maintained on both office phones as well as his residence phone. No letter of authorization has been received from the Division by this office concerning the above mentioned tap.

Very truly yours,

M.C. SPEAR, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Alt called from Tampa (12:15 P. M.) and advised that they were securing further information from LaRue; that LaRue advised that he and Eddie Bents robbed a bank at Turners Falls, Massachusetts, on December 13, 1933, of \$18,000.00; that he, LaRue, Kelly and Bates robbed a bank at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, in April, 1933, of between \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00. Mr. Alt states he believes LaRue has knowledge of a couple more bank robberies in 1933 that he may advise them of. Mr. Alt stated that LaRue advised him that the Holland, Michigan, bank robbery was pulled by Big Homer, Lee Turner, a man whose name he cannot recall and some others; that there was some shooting on that job and everybody got away; that the car was not abandoned; that he, LaRue, turned the job down because he could not map out a safe get-away route for the robbers; that the Grand Haven, Michigan, bank robbery was in the Summer of 1933; that the participants were Whitely Anderson (the man who escaped from Joliet), Wayne Whitely, Ed Bents, Pfifer's brother and a man by the name of Earl; that the driver's name was unknown; that the man named Earl was later captured and shot during a bank robbery in Madison, Wisconsin; that he was sentenced to serve 25 years and is now serving that sentence at Waupun, Wisconsin; that during the robbery the driver left the robbers at the bank and later he abandoned the car, leaving the get-away map in the car; that LaRue thinks the get-away map was prepared on a typewriter but he does not know by whom; that LaRue stated he prepared the get-away map in the Holland, Michigan, case, but tore it up; that he is positive the car in this case was not abandoned. Mr. Alt states that LaRue further advised him that the map that was prepared on the Holland job was prepared by him but it was too dangerous and he would not enter into the job, therefore he tore the map up and threw it away, and he is positive that in the Grand Haven job (he was not in on that job) the car was abandoned and the get-away map left in the car and if he is shown a photostatic copy of the get-away map that we have he will tell us whether it is the one used in the Holland or Grand Haven job. Mr. Alt was told that this map would be sent to him today and, accordingly, Mr. Edwards was instructed that this be done by air mail.

Mr. Alt stated that he expected to have a report in the mail by one o'clock and the Agents would then start dictating on the later information received.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers' Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

With reference to your letter of February 21, 1934, your attention is invited to page eight of the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, entitled EDWARD DOLL with aliases, Identification Order 1214 - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, dated February 24, 1934, wherein you will note that photograph of Jack French alias Homer French, Miami, Florida, Police Number 2543, was obtained and exhibited to Eddie Dell with aliases. After observing this photograph, he stated that he did not know the man by name and could not identify the man by face, but that he is positive that he is not Big Homer and does not resemble him in any way.

A copy of this individual's photograph is attached. This person as Homer French, number 37041, was received at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, March 4, 1931, from Cleveland, Ohio - crime: using the mails to defraud and violation of the Narcotic Act - sentence: five years.

Eddie La Rue states that he knows GEORGE BILTON mentioned in your letter, but has no information concerning his activities other than at some time or other he was purported to have driven cars for Al Capone. La Rue states that his information is that Bilton has always been a drunkard.

La Rue also states that he does not believe that Big Homer has ever been arrested. He described him as follows:

Present age:  
Height:

about 38 years  
6 feet

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| Weight:          | 105 to 215 pounds                  |
| Build:           | Heavy but not fat                  |
| Hair:            | Light                              |
| Complexion:      | Light                              |
| Nativity:        | Believes he is a native of Chicago |
| Occupation:      | Gangster                           |
| Characteristics: | Dresses immaculately at all times. |

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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February 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Confirming telephonic conversation with Mr. Cowley, please be advised that the following criminal record appears in the files of the Identification Unit on Mrs. C. P. Harmon alias Mrs. Tom Brown alias Polly Walker alias Polly Brannen, cur number 105930, who may possibly be identical with the subject of your inquiry, Paula Harmon:

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In accordance with your request, 30 copies of the photograph appearing on the fingerprint card received from the Sheriff's Office at Council Bluffs, Iowa on March 6, 1926, have been previously furnished you.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

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February 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

In accordance with the telephonic request of Mr. Newby, there are submitted herewith four copies of the criminal record of A. Karpis, with aliases, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit, our #199217.

The following description appears on the fingerprint record received from the Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 12, 1931:

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Age            | 22                   |
| Height         | 5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| Weight         | 130 pounds           |
| Build          | slender              |
| Complexion     | medium               |
| Hair           | brown                |
| Eyes           | blue                 |
| Residence      | Chicago, Illinois    |
| Place of birth | Canada               |

The following scars and marks appear on a print received March 9, 1926:  
Scar just below knuckle of left index finger. This record also shows his birthplace as Canada and his occupation as a clerk; nationality, Canadian-American.

On a circular issued by the State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, received in the Identification Unit on April 25, 1929, the names of relatives are shown as follows:

J. Karpis, father, 3010, Addison St., Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. A. E. Grooms, sister, 1234 N. Monroe St., Topeka, Kansas

Mrs. P. T. Newbold, sister, 106 N. Francisco, Chicago, Illinois

This print indicates a scar just below the knuckle of the left index finger.

On a circular issued by the Sheriff and Chief of Police at West Plains, Missouri, received in the Identification Unit on January 10, 1932, his occupation is given as having worked in a bakery.

On a print received June 4, 1930, his nationality is shown as German and his occupation as clerk.

On another print received in 1930, his residence is shown as Chicago, Illinois and birthplace as Montreal, Canada.

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On another print received July 3, 1930, a notation appears that he writes left-handed.

Another print received June 18, 1931 gives his place of birth as Kansas.

Respectfully,



L. C. Schilder.

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February 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

In accordance with the telephonic request of Mr. Newby, there are attached hereto four copies of the criminal record of Arthur Parker, our #289428.

The following description appears on the fingerprints received from the Okla. State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, March 6, 1922:

|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| Age        | 22            |
| Height     | 5' 3 7/8"     |
| Weight     | 112 pounds    |
| Hair       | chestnut      |
| Eyes       | blue          |
| Color      | white         |
| Complexion | medium        |
| Teeth      | irregular     |
| Chin       | regular       |
| Build      | medium        |
| Occupation | glass worker. |

On another print received in January, 1921, his hair was given as brown and his eyes as brown - complexion, fair.

On another print received February 27, 1920, his hair was given as dark chestnut; eyes, brown; complexion, dark.

On another print received February 7, 1921, his hair was given as black; eyes, brown; complexion, medium.

On a print received on January 17, 1921 from the Police Department at Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he was arrested as Claud Dale, #322, the following names of accomplices appear:

Don Young  
Roland J. Williams  
G. R. Patton  
Harry Campbell

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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February 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

In accordance with the request of Mr. Newby, there are attached hereto four copies of the criminal record of Fred Barker, with aliases, our #59163, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit.

The following description appears on a fingerprint card received from the Police Department at Tulsa, Oklahoma on August 24, 1931:

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Age        | 29         |
| Height     | 5'5"       |
| Weight     | 115 pounds |
| Build      | medium     |
| Complexion | medium     |
| Hair       | red        |
| Eyes       | blue       |

Scars and marks - Scars from gunshot on left knee outer.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Residence      | Tulsa, Oklahoma |
| Place of birth | Missouri        |

On a print received August 21, 1926, his place of birth was given as Springfield, Missouri; nationality, American; scars and marks, small scars on both knees. It is noted in this description his hair is given as chestnut.

On a print received from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, in March, 1927, his occupation is given as a laundryman and the following scars and marks are listed: 1. Gun shot wrist inr; Gun shot wnd bs L. finger palm hand. 11. Ct cic hand inr bs L. finger. 111. Ct cic belo L eye inside; Ct cic belo L eye outside; Ct cic above L eye.

On a print received September 7, 1922, the following names of accomplices are set forth:

Ida May De Shane  
Elizabeth Lowery  
Edgar Kinson  
Fred Barker  
W. C. Crabb  
Waymon Evens  
Glen Lamberson

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This print contains the notation that he has a scar under the left eye about 1 inch long. This print also contains the following notation: "The Defendant admits being shot in Kansas City, Missouri attempting to get away from the officers. He also states he had been arrested twice in Tulsa for being drunk. States further that he is out now on a ten thousand dollar bond."

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Memorandum for Mr. Nathan.

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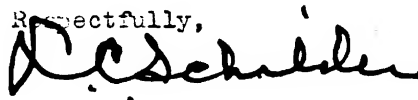
Another print showing his arrest by the Tulsa Police Department on October 5, 1922, gives the color of his hair as dark auburn; color of beard, sandy and complexion, florid.

On a print received December 23, 1925, his place of birth is shown as Springfield, Missouri.

On a print received January 17, 1927, his residence is given as Salina, Oklahoma and his place of birth as Webb City, Missouri; occupation, glass blower; criminal specialty - safe cracker, knob-knocker and robbery-jewelry stores. His hair is shown as being auburn and complexion as sandy.

On another print received November 11, 1926, his residence is shown as Miami, Oklahoma and place of birth as Kansas City, Missouri.

Respectfully,



L. C. Schilder.

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Mr. W. A. Roser,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 516,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

FEB 28 1934

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.

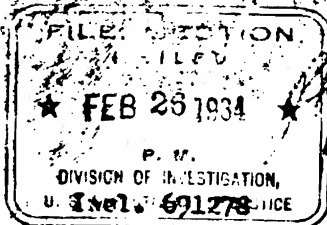
As of possible assistance in the above entitled investigation, there are transmitted herewith copies of memoranda together with abstracts of criminal records, reflected by the files of the Identification Unit, which data have been prepared by Mr. L. C. Schilder, on the following individuals:

Fred Barker, with aliases, Division #59163,  
Arthur R. Barker, Division #289428, and  
Alvin Karpis, Division #199217.

There are also inclosed herewith copies of a memorandum dated February 20, 1934, concerning Mrs. C. P. Harmon, with aliases, Division #105880, whose photograph was forwarded to your office with Division letter dated February 21, 1934. A perusal of the inclosed memoranda will possibly suggest leads which will disclose the whereabouts of the above named.

Very truly yours,

Director.



## THE NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD COMPANY

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

New Haven, Conn., February 26, 1934.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director, Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 8th giving lists,  
showing numbers of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.  
Will you kindly furnish me with ten extra copies of  
same, and oblige,

Very truly yours,

J. R. McMahon

Chief of Police.  
By *[Signature]*

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Mr. J. R. McMahon,  
Chief of Police,  
The New York, New Haven and  
Hartford Railroad Company,  
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. McMahon:-

The Receipt is acknowledged of  
your communication dated February 26, 1934, in  
which you request ten additional copies of the list  
of bank notes used as ransom in kidnapping cases.

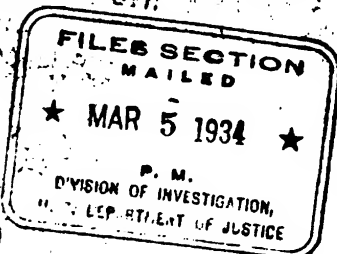
I am pleased to comply with your  
request and am today directing Mr. F. I. Fay who is  
the Special Agent in Charge of the New York office  
of this Division to forward the lists to you.

Thanking you for your cooperation  
in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

cc: N. Y.





Tampa, Florida

RAA:HAM.

February 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

In reply to your communication of February 21, 1934, in which reference is made to the fact that Eddie La Rue with aliases - Identification Order 1214, has a hacking cough and that Mr. Bremer has stated that one of the persons at the hideout where he was confined had a continuous cough, this is to advise that La Rue has been under observation of this Agent daily since his arrest at Saint Petersburg, Florida, on February 14, 1934, and while he has an occasional hacking cough it is not continuous.

Furthermore, the investigation made at Saint Petersburg, Florida, after La Rue's arrest has shown that he was in Saint Petersburg continually from January first to February 14, 1934, the date of his arrest.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled  
OKLAHOMA SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREWER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

There are enclosed herewith copies of a  
letter dated February 12, 1934, from Mr. Wallace Bond,  
Superintendent of Industries, Oklahoma State Penitentiary,  
McAlester, Oklahoma, concerning the whereabouts of Volney  
Davis and the Barker brothers. Kindly give the same  
appropriate attention.

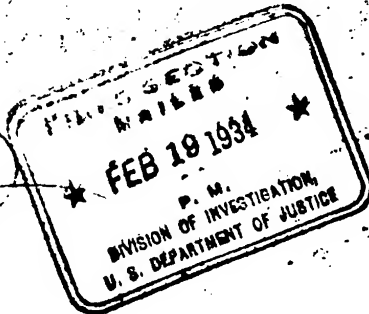
Very truly yours,

Director.

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CC Oklahoma City.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

February 22, 1934

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| Mr. Nathan  |  |
| Mr. Tolson  |  |
| Mr. Clegg   |  |
| Mr. Coffey  |  |
| Mr. Edwards |  |
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| Mr. Quinn   |  |
| Mr. Lester  |  |
| Mr. Jones   |  |
| Mr. Nease   |  |

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Inspector Rorer telephoned advising that Mrs. John Miller, the woman who received one of the ransom notes in the coffee can, now states that prior to the time she received the ransom note someone called at her house on three different occasions; that twice before the note was delivered a man called there and asked for another address. She is positive that of the three calls that two of the men were different; that possibly there were three different men; that one of the men who tried to deliver the note in a can had broad, very noticeable teeth, that protruded.

Inspector Rorer requested that the kidnaping files be searched for a person whose description is 35 or 36 years of age, dark complexion, about 5' nine inches or 10 inches in height, with large eyes, and with teeth that very noticeably protrude, and to forward to him immediately photographs of the individuals approximating this description.

Inspector Rorer stated that he was in need of additional men and suggested the names of Special Agents Harold Andersen and N. B. Klein.

He further suggested that the Division endeavor to trace the manufacturer of the four five gallon cans used in carrying the reserve supply of gasoline by the kidnapers.

I called to Inspector Rorer's attention the fact that Louie Cernocky maintains a gangster hang-out at Cary, Illinois, in the lake region, where the Miller-Nash gang frequently stop. He stated that he would give this matter his attention.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
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| MR. Nathan..... |
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February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

*Mr. Rendell*  
Mr. ~~Rendell~~ called. He stated he was with the Associated Press. He said he just wanted to know if I was here; that he had been advised from St. Paul that I had left there. He wanted to know whether I had left St. Paul to avoid being called by the Grand Jury. I declined to comment at all, except to admit I was here.

Very truly yours,

*H. Nathan.*  
H. Nathan.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Alt telephoned at 5:45 P.M., February 22nd. He stated that very little progress had been made on that day and if nothing of value was developed in the conversations with LaRue on the 23rd, he believed it would be useless to continue further, and he feels the defendant might then be removed.

I informed him that the Division would take no action, regarding recommending his removal until after the report had been received. He stated this report would be sent air mail and ~~should be received~~ about noon on the 23rd; that it was being typed that day. He pointed out that LaRue had made no admissions as to his being criminally involved during the year 1933.

Respectfully,

H. M. Clegg.

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603-A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
February 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

Re: Unknown subjects  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping  
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

On February 21, 1934, a communication dated February 20, 1934, was received from the Butte Office of the Division, which made known that on February 20, a telegram was received at that office from John A. Parker that he was reliably informed on that date that a dark blue or green sedan, thought to be a 1933 Nash, Illinois 1933 license 923-467, went north, presumably thru Thermopolis, Wyoming at 4:00 PM on February 19, 1934. That two heavily armed men, whose descriptions tallied with those of "Pretty Boy" Floyd and one of the Barrow brothers were in the car and that their actions and the speed with which the car was traveling attached suspicion to them, and that the front door glass next to the driver was shattered.

The Butte Office inquired of me as to the identity of John A. Parker and why he transmitted the telegram to the Butte Office. I made known to the Butte Office that John A. Parker is the sheriff of Hot Springs County, with an office at Thermopolis, Wyo.; that he is an alert, efficient and outstanding peace officer in Wyoming of good judgment and friendly to this Division and that he, no doubt, forwarded the telegram to the Butte Office because he apparently understands that Floyd and the Barrows are wanted by this Division.

I suggest that you determine the name and address of the person to whom Illinois license 923-467 was issued, determining if the car was stolen and such other information as may be of value, not alone to the St. Paul Office in this case, but to other Division Offices having an intimate interest in the apprehension of Floyd and the Barrows.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN A. DOWD  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division ✓

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
February 23, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

*Wire Tapping*

Answering your communication of February 17th, 1934, I wish to report that this office has not at any time during my administration of it, tapped any telephone or telegraph wires. There was only one occasion upon which this office was requested to tap telephone wires, and that was a recent request from the St. Paul Division office in the case involving the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. At that time this office was requested to tap the telephone wires both leading into the home and office of Ben Laska, Attorney at Law, Denver, Colorado. However, it was found that wire taps were not advisable because Laska had only shortly prior thereto, complained to the telephone company representatives at Denver, that his wires had been tapped. He made the Company examine his wires and threatened suit. Because of that reason, and the further reason that it would be necessary to rent quarters in the vicinity of Laska's home and in the building in which his office is located, and because of the fact that so many cables entered the building in which his office was located that it would require an expert telephone man to find the right cable to tap, the tapping was not put into effect. However, upon the receipt of the request from the St. Paul office, the Division's authority was solicited and granted, but the tapping, as stated above, was not carried out pursuant to instructions from Mr. Harold Nathan, then at St. Paul, to whom the situation at Denver was explained.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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311 Hurley-Wright Building,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

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*Decoded Copy*

V. J. BLAKE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
POST OFFICE BUILDING  
DALLAS TEXAS

REXID NO PAYMENTS OF ANY KIND BEING MADE TO PAULA HARMON CHECK  
FOR ONE FIVE EIGHT FIVE DOLLARS REPRESENTED PAYMENT OF ADJUSTED  
COMPENSATION CERTIFICATE TO HER AS BENEFICIARY ON CERTIFICATE

ISSUED TO CHARLES PRESTON HARMON

BLACK ASSISTANT

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CC DIVISION  
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February 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There are inclosed herewith copies of a letter dated February 21, 1934, received from Mr. W. J. Cure, Chief of Police, Ames, Iowa, wherein he states that he has information concerning the above entitled case.

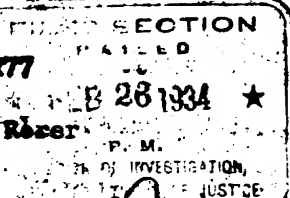
You are instructed to have an Agent interview Mr. Cure at the earliest practicable date and obtain from him whatever information he has in his possession.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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W. A. Rizer



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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file No. 7-80

Dear Sir:

In connection with previous correspondence relative to  
investigation by your office at newsstands in Chicago handling St.  
Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota daily newspapers, there is attached  
hereto a list of such newsstands in Chicago, as well as other cities,  
for assistance in your investigation at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 518  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases;  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone conversations from this office regarding WALK FROST and one MEDLEY, who are reported to have left Lime Springs, Iowa, on February 8, 1934, under circumstances indicating that they might have a connection with this case, you are advised that our request was based upon the following information:

The Sheriff at New Hampton, Iowa, telephoned this office and advised he had been informed indirectly that WALK FROST and wife, residents of Lime Springs, Iowa, whose means of livelihood were unknown to the residents of this small town, possibly have some connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, due to a series of suspicious circumstances. On this information investigation was conducted which developed that according to a store keeper, Wale Frost entered the Leader Department Store of Lime Springs, Iowa, and purchased a suit of underwear, socks and shirts of the description of those given to Mr. Bremer by his abductors before his release.

Other information was to the effect that Mr. Frost had been seen in Rochester, Minnesota, on the day of Mr. Bremer's release from that city; also that Mr. Frost seemed to have no means of livelihood although he lived in rather comfortable circumstances. He is reported to be driving a 1928 Cadillac Sedan, black in color, bearing motor number 302521, 1933 Iowa license 45-947. He is also reported to own a two door Plymouth closed car, black in color, motor and license number unknown. The Cadillac car had been in storage, but was taken from storage during the period of Bremer's abduction.

Photographs of the clothing surrendered to this Division by Mr. Bremer were displayed to the store keeper, who stated that the photographs bore a resemblance to merchandise previously on their shelves.

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Frost is described as follows:

Age: 28 years  
Height: 5 feet  
Weight: 180 pounds  
Complexion: Dark

Mrs. Frost was described as follows:

Age: 30 years  
Height: 5 ft. 5 inches.  
Weight: 140 pounds  
Hair: Red  
Appearance: Hardlooking

Medley was described as:

Age: 30 years  
Height: 5 ft. 9 inches  
Weight: 150 pounds  
Appearance: Nice looking, well dressed  
Complexion: Dark

It was upon this information that your office was requested to ascertain Frost's whereabouts, as the maid had been informed that the Frosts on their departure from Lime Springs, intended to go to Kansas City, Missouri, or possibly California.

Further investigation developed that there was some question as to whether Vale Frost or his father, Richard Frost, had purchased the clothing. Other investigation developed that Frost possibly had a means of livelihood, and that he was employed by some concern in Chicago. The additional investigation also resulted in finding that Vale Frost and wife could possibly be located at the Berkshire Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, which information was also given to your office by telephone.

Concerning the telephone call to this office today from Mr. Spear of your office, please be advised that in view of the findings of your office it is not desired that Mrs. Frost be taken into custody or questioned. However, if your office can ascertain her location it is believed that it might at some future date become of value.



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The Chicago office is being requested to conduct necessary investigation regarding the present whereabouts of Frost and Madley.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROHRER,

Inspector.

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CC Division  
CC Chicago

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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

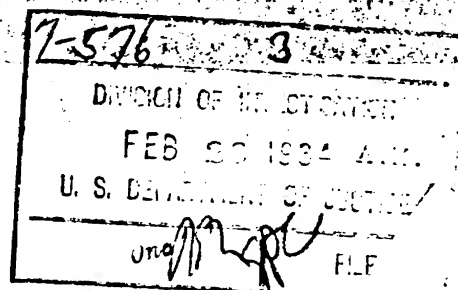
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases;  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Kindly secure ten photographs of GLEN ROY WRIGHT, Oklahoma  
City Police Department number 1992, forwarding same to this office and  
one copy each to the Kansas City and Chicago Division offices.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
INSPECTOR.

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Cc K.G.  
Cg:  
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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 19, 1934,  
regarding the possibility that FRED BARKER may have been seen in a  
store at Bristol, Oklahoma in December, 1933.

Since there is some information that the Karpis-Barker  
gang frequents this section of the United States, it is requested that  
the Police Department at Bristol be contacted for the purpose of having  
them keep a close look-out for Karpis and the Barker brothers.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROHRER,

Inspector.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Kansas City, Missouri February 23, 1934

R. E. Vetterli  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
318 Hewes Building  
San Francisco, California

BREKID WIRE NAME OF OWNER HIS PERSONAL HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION OF CAR REGISTERED CALIFORNIA NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR LICENSES SEVEN N NINE ONE FIFTY AND SIX B FIVE NAUGHT THREE SEVEN FORMER SEEN ON FORD COUPE AND LATTER ON HUTMOBILE SEDAN AT TOPEKA KANSAS LATTER REPORTED TO BE OWNED BY JULES C. LACOCK FORT McARTHUR SANPEDRO CALIFORNIA

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St. Paul, Minn.  
Feb. 22, 1934.

WILLIAM LARSON  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
625 LAFAYETTE BUILDING  
DETROIT MICHIGAN

BREKID REFER PAGE FOUR PARAGRAPH TWO YOUR REPORT FEBRUARY FIFTEEN ASCERTAIN  
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801 Title Guaranty Building  
St. Louis, Missouri  
February 23, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled Unknown  
Subjects, Edward Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

I am enclosing herewith copies of a list of Fed-  
eral Game Warden for the northern half of the State of Illi-  
nois.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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E. H. Alander, Antioch, Ill.  
John P. Martin, Room 1605, 10 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.  
Phillip M. Geisler, 906 West 71st St., Chicago, Ill.  
Col. Wallace H. Whigam, 3921 Edison St., Chicago, Ill.  
Nicholas Stolefo, 784 Bunker St., Chicago, Ill.  
W. C. Peacock, 5312 Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago, Ill.  
Elmer R. Westline, 5455 Bishop St., Chicago, Ill.  
Guy B. Wakely, 700 Dewey St., Harvard, Ill.  
Dr. Harold H. Hayes, 1422 Edgewood Lane, Covered Woods, Ill.  
Josiah Treharne, 621 E. Jefferson St., Joliet, Ill.  
Roy C. Blackwell, Edson Ave., Lombard, Ill.  
Oliver J. Westcott, 406 N. 4th Ave., Maywood, Ill.  
Glenn W. Chatten, R.F.D. #2, Quincy, Ill.  
Wm. I. Lyon, 811 N. Sheridan Rd., Waukegan, Ill.  
Dan Avery, R.F.D. #2, Bath, Ill.  
E. T. Carter, Chillicothe, Ill.  
Claude Johnson, R.F.D. #2, Bath, Ill.  
Jacob H. Lamm, 400 E. Reservoir Ave., Peoria, Ill.  
John M. Martin, 7421 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, Ill.  
Lawrence A. Phillips, R.F.D. #2, Bath, Ill.  
John Sarff, Chandlerville, Ill.  
James K. Galvaugh, 120 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.  
Cecil R. Cant, Federal Bldg., Chicago, Ill.  
Sherman R. Barnett, 53 W. Jackson Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York, New York.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTECH BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREYER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file No. 7-20

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a list of the foreign news stands handling the five Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers. In some instances you will find that the name and address is that of a newsdealer who distributes to news stands within his city, and it will be necessary to secure from him the addresses of said news stands.

It is requested that you cover the news dealers and news stands listed as being within the territory covered by your office, and ascertain if any individual or individuals are regularly purchasing any of these five newspapers, and exhibit to the dealer the photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, which said photographs are in the possession of all of the Division field offices, together with the description of the various individuals involved.

Should it be determined that any member of this gang is so purchasing any of the papers mentioned, appropriate steps should be taken to cover the news stands involved, and take appropriate action.

Other offices securing copies of this letter should conduct similar investigation within their district.

This matter should be given prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

E. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
503 A, U.S. Courthouse & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Please have immediate check made at the Denver, Colorado Police Department for any record of one Abe Ginsburg alias Gaines, who may have been arrested by the Police of that city within the past twelve months on a fraudulent bond charge.

The primary purpose of this request is in an effort to secure a photograph of Abe Ginsburg, which if available should be immediately submitted to this office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
February 23, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

In Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al, Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephone call of February 23, 1934, with reference to one Thomas Carroll, at which time you inquired as to the possible associates and contacts of this party in and around St. Louis.

Please be advised that this party was arrested, as Thomas Carroll, at St. Louis, Missouri on August 11, 1925, in company with one Dorothy Tralle, St. Louis Police Department No. 22180, whose photograph is attached hereto. At the time of this arrest these parties were in possession of a Packard Straight Eight Sedan, which was found by the St. Louis Police to be mortgaged property from Kansas City, Missouri, the car being turned over by the Police to a Robert Lederman of the Credit Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri. Both the above parties were released subsequent thereto.

It was further noted from the St. Louis Police Department files that Dorothy Tralle, above mentioned, [REDACTED]

It was further ascertained that Thomas Carroll [REDACTED]

A photograph of Viola Dea Carroll, alias Viola Clark, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department No. 34029, together with a photograph of John Arthur Winters, St. Louis Police Department No. 34026, is attached hereto for the use of your office.

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It is further noted from the records of the St. Louis Police Department that Viola Dea Carroll, alias Viola Clarke, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department No. [REDACTED]

It was further ascertained that Carroll [REDACTED]

Photographs of Joe Howard, with aliases, St. Louis Police Department No. 24087, Ernest Mickie, St. Louis Police Department No. 24088, and Thomas Carroll, St. Louis Police Department No. 22166, are attached to this letter for the use of the Kansas City Office.

A notation also appears on the St. Louis Police records that Thomas Carroll was wanted at San Antonio, Texas for the killing of a police officer at that place on December 15, 1933.

Lieutenant Walter Heitz of the Identification Bureau, St. Louis Police Department, stated that Carroll and those mentioned above as associates of Carroll are evidently a Kansas City crowd; that his records also reflected that Carroll himself was known to the Police of St. Joseph, Missouri, adding that the negro who was arrested in the company of Carroll was a known criminal, and was actually an associate of Carroll, this being mentioned to avoid any opinion that the negro was an accidental associate of Carroll.

The above is the only information regarding Thomas Carroll available.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
cc St. Paul  
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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

February 23, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Suite 1, Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter, dated February 20, 1934, with regard to investigation at the Graceton (not Draceton) Hotel. You are advised that investigation has been made at that point, at which place Mrs. Eckroad, manager, could not identify any of the photographs of suspects in this case.

It is to be observed that Room 21 was occupied until December 30, 1933 by Abe Finerman and his young wife, Ann Finerman, who ran a cafe which is now closed. Ann apparently was a prostitute but did not work at the hotel. She received numerous telephone calls at the said hotel, all of which were received at Room 21. It is noted, however, that practically no one asked for her by name, merely asking for Room 21.

Mrs. Eckroad declared that Gloria Passen is unknown at said hotel. Special Agent W. Carter Baum, who conducted this investigation, declared that he has reason to believe that Mrs. Eckroad is reliable.

You are advised that investigation is going forward looking toward the location of Finerman and Ann in the hope that some information may be secured with regard to the above entitled case. It is believed possible that Ann may be identical with Gloria Passen, although she may not have used that name at that hotel. It is also believed possible that Finerman may have connections with Alvin Karpis and the Barker brothers not heretofore shown.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. SMITH  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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P.O. Box 815, St. Paul, Minn.

February 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite 1, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping.  
St. Paul File 7-30.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic request of yesterday,  
by the writer and Mr. Rorer, please be advised that it is the  
Director's desire that a twenty-four hour tap be maintained on  
the telephone line of Attorney Lynch of Des Moines, Iowa, until  
further notice. This tap is to be maintained not only on the  
residence and office telephone of Mr. Lynch, but on any other  
telephone that he may be using.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite L  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
February 19, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.  
cc-ST. PAUL-PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Pursuant to telephonic instructions received  
from Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni on February 12, 1934,  
Special Agent O. C. Dewey

was placed on the follow-  
ing telephone of Mr. Vernon Lynch, an attorney of Des Moines, Ia.:

Telephone No. 3-3291  
Office of Vernon Lynch,  
Des Moines Building,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Telephone No. 3-3291  
Office of Vernon Lynch,  
Des Moines Building,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

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Information of the above mentioned tap was furnish-  
ed to Mr. H. H. Clegg of the Division during my telephonic conversa-  
tion with him on February 15, 1934, the information also having  
been furnished prior thereto by me to Assistant Director H. Nathan  
at St. Paul.

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Pursuant to my telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg on February 19th, [REDACTED] unless contrary instructions are received from the Division.

5. During my conversation with Mr. Clegg, I further advised that Special Agent L. D. Nichols, who was at Des Moines, had told me that he understood Vernon Lynch might leave for Washington, D.C., this coming Thursday, February 22, 1934; Agent Nichols has been instructed to obtain further information concerning the contemplated departure of Mr. Lynch and to keep this office advised. Mr. Clegg requested that in the event Lynch departs from Des Moines, Iowa, he be shadowed by Agents of this Division, and these instructions will be followed closely.

For the Division's information, Special Agent Dewey has advised that Vernon Lynch is a lawyer associated in practice with William (Newt) Lynch, a relative, at the office address given above. Ralph Lynch resides at Apartment 6, 3612 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, Telephone Number 5-7142.

Agent Dewey advised that Vernon Lynch is believed to be a graduate of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and represents most of the big brewing companies in Iowa. He is reputed to have a close contact with the Underworld and has defended many bootleggers in court. It is alleged that he made considerable money practicing law; he is a flashy dresser; was recently married; was recently sued for failure to remit a collection he made for a client. He is not regarded in Des Moines as a reputable lawyer.

Special Agent Dewey has been advised to follow the telephone tap on Mr. Lynch's telephones very closely and to submit information regularly concerning the results of the tap, and, in event any information of apparent importance is received from the tap, he, Dewey, has been instructed to communicate the same immediately direct to the St. Paul office. Mr. Nathan has been advised of these arrangements, during telephone conversation with him.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 20, 1934

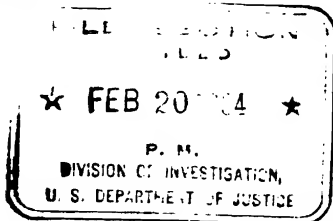
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

f-- Andrew Youpel

It is noted that the fingerprints of the above individual contain no criminal data. Because of the desirability of having the fingerprint files of this Division complete in every detail, you are kindly requested to furnish the details of the arrest of this individual, in order that the same may be placed on the fingerprint card in the Division's files.



Very truly yours,

NOT RECORDED • Director.

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

AIR MAIL, Special Delivery

February 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box No. 4907  
412 U.S. Court House & P.O. Building  
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the telegram sent your office today requesting that a photograph of Jack French, alias Homer French, Miami, Florida Police Department No. 2543, be exhibited to Eddie Larue to determine whether this person is identical with "Big Homer".

In a further interview today with Julius A. (Babe) Jones at the Cook County jail, Chicago, Illinois, this person informed Special Agent Jay C. Newman of the Chicago office, and Special Agent D.O. Smith of the Birmingham office, that his friend who was a witness to the marriage of "Big Homer" in Chicago in 1923 or 1924, is one Georgie Bilton, who frequents Dolaney's saloon near 28th Street and Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This individual according to Jones, was a chauffeur for Al Capone up to about 1923 or 1927, since which time he has been an habitual drunkard. Jones stated that Bilton is a very good friend of Officer Tom Featherstone of the Chicago Police Department, who is in charge of a squad somewhere on the south side of Chicago. He described Bilton as being about 35 years old, 5'10" in height, as weighing approximately 180 lb., and as being quite neat appearing. Jones advised that to his knowledge "Big Homer" had never been arrested.

Subsequent to the above interview, Agent Newman conversed with Captain Daniel Gilbert, Chief Investigator of the States Attorney's office, and with several other officers connected with him, all of whom advised that "Big Homer" was unknown to them. While examining a large collection of police photographs in the office of Captain Gilbert, Agent Newman observed a Miami, Florida Police Department photograph of one Jack French, alias Homer French, who was

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arrested by the Police Department at Miami, Florida on December 25, 1933. He exhibited this photograph to Julius A. (Babe) Jones in the Cook County jail, who advised that he believed this to be a photograph of "Big Homer", although he believed "Big Homer" to be a much larger man than the description of this person indicates. In viewing this photograph Jones stated that he was not very well acquainted with "Big Homer", and suggested that this photograph be exhibited to Eddie LaRue, whom he claimed to be better acquainted with him.

The following information is contained on the back of the above mentioned photograph, which is Miami, Florida Police Department Bureau of Identification No. 2543:

Name: Jack French, alias Homer French

Age: 35 years

Height: 5' 8"

Weight: 155 lb.

Build: Medium

Hair: Dark Brown

Eyes: Brown

Complexion: Fair

Occupation: Seaman

Place of Birth: Chicago

Remarks: Given name of Jones

Fingerprint classification (16) 2 1 10 4

In questioning Jones he advised that he was not acquainted with Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur R. Barker, or Harry Campbell, mentioned in the report of Special Agent E.W. Nolesteen, dated St. Paul, February 20, 1934.

In connection with the interviews had with Julius A. (Babe) Jones, attention is also directed to letters addressed by the Chicago Division office to the St. Paul Division office under dates of February 10th and 17th, 1934.

Referring to letter dated February 16, 1934 addressed by the Kansas City Division office to the St. Paul Division office, copies of which were furnished the Salt Lake City and Chicago Division offices, Jones was questioned by Agent Newman concerning Homer Watkins, whose photograph appears on page 3 of the August, 1933 issue and on page 4 of the February 1934 issue of the American Bankers Association Journal. Upon viewing the photographs of Homer Watkins as shown in these issues, Jones stated positively that this person is not "Big Homer" referred to herein.

In the event the photograph of Jack French, alias Homer French, is positively identified by Eddie LaRue as being "Big Homer", the Jacksonville office is respectfully requested to immediately furnish copies of this individual's photograph to the St. Paul and Chicago Division offices.

The Chicago Division office at the present time is endeavoring to secure information from the Cook County, Illinois marriage records relative to the reported marriage of "Big Homer" in Chicago in either 1923 or 1924.

Very truly yours,

M.H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

JCN:FB

cc Division ✓  
St. Paul  
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Salt Lake City

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February 19, 1934

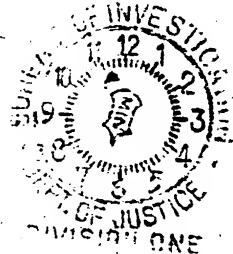
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WERNER HANNI,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

BREMER KIDNAPPING MAN ABOUT TWENTY EIGHT SLENDER BUILD HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS SLIM FEATURES AND WOMAN DECIDED BLOND APPEARED NEWSSTAND SPOKANE SUNDAY NIGHT WANTED FRIDAY ISSUED MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE WERE DRIVING ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY THREE DARK GREEN PONTIAC SEDAN MINNESOTA LICENSE B FOUR SEVEN EIGHT FOUR FIVE THREE.

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411 U. S. Court House  
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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York, New York.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file No. 7-50

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a list of the foreign news stands handling the five Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers. In some instances you will find that the name and address is that of a newsdealer who distributes to news stands within his city, and it will be necessary to secure from him the addresses of said news stands.

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Other offices securing copies of this letter should conduct similar investigation within their district.

This matter should be given prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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| Philad.  | Pittsburg. |
| Dallas   | San Ant.   |

**LIST OF FOREIGN NEWSSTANDS AND NEWS DEALERS SUPPLYING  
NEWS STANDS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, HANDLING MINNEAPOLIS  
AND ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA DAILY NEWSPAPERS**

**MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. JOURNAL**

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| Detroit, Mich.             | Ruby's News Stand No. 2                          |
| Memphis, Tenn.             | World News Co.                                   |
| Washington, D.C.           | H.C. Stevens, 214 Albee Bldg.                    |
| Houston, Texas             | Texas News stand, 1017 Texas Ave.                |
| Wichita, Kansas            | Fred Harvey newsstand, Union terminal station    |
| St. Louis, Mo.             | National System, 34d and Pine St.                |
| Philadelphia, Pa.          | L. Prager, N.W. corner 15th & Market Sts.        |
| Colorado Springs, Colorado | The Bungalow News stand                          |
| Indianapolis, Ind.         | H. Pattison, Box 982                             |
| Cincinnati, Ohio           | Alvin Barkers News Shoppe, 21 E. 6th St.         |
| Cleveland, Ohio            | B. Wheatman, 423 Euclid Ave.                     |
| " "                        | S.M. Sigmond, 1600 Euclid Ave.                   |
| Chicago, Ill.              | World News Co. 141 W. Clark St.                  |
| " "                        | Rialto News Agency                               |
| " "                        | Queen City News Co. State & Randolph St.         |
| " "                        | P.O. News Stand, 37 W. Monroe St.                |
| " "                        | Chicago Newspaper Agency, State & Monroe         |
| " "                        | Harvey, Inc. S.E. Corner-Union Station           |
| Dallas, Texas              | I & M news & Cigar Store, 1611 A Elm St.         |
| " "                        | Central News, Warren N. Scales, 103 S. Akard St. |

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Fort Worth, Texas

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Long Beach, Cal.

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San Diego, Cal.

Santa Monica, Cal.

Santa Ana, Cal.

Hollywood, Cal.

Tucson, Arizona

Post Office News Shop, 4 Jennings Ave.

Wheatley News Co.

Golden Gate News Co. 787 Market St.

Fitzgerald News Agency, 21 4th St.

O'Mara & Ormsbee, 280 Madison Ave.

Hotaling's News Agency, Grand Central Station

California News Agency, P.O. Box 451, Arcade Sta.

Crescent News Co. Arcade Station

Martindale Book Store, 5318 Wilshire Blvd.

Walter Spile, Arcade Station

Belmont News Co.

H. Sternberg, Arcade Annex, Arcade Station

Longbeach News Co. 24 S. Pine St.

C.H. Pease, 39 E. Colorado St.

Universal News Agency, 242 Broadway

W.W. Martindale, 1519 3rd St.

Lawrence Smoke Shop, 325 W. 4th St.

Universal News Co. 1655 Las Palmas

Randa Smoke Shop



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| Portland, Ore.          | United News Co.                                     |
| "                       | St. S. Rich, Store No. 2                            |
| Spokane, Wash.          | 230 N. Stevens St.                                  |
| Seattle, Wash.          | Liberty News Co. L.J. Finnesey                      |
| Tacoma, Wash.           | Coale & Coale, 901 Pacific Ave.                     |
| Omaha, Neb.             | Ak-Sar-Ben News Agency, Sam Sillotte, 16th & Howard |
| "                       | Micotero & Co.                                      |
| Kansas City, Mo.        | Republic News Co.                                   |
| "                       | Siegel News Co. 8 W. 12th St.                       |
| "                       | Harvey, Inc. Union Station                          |
| Tampa, Florida          | World News Co.                                      |
| St. Petersburg, Florida | Askernan's News stand,                              |
| Miami, Fla.             | Beach News Depot                                    |
| "                       | World News Co.                                      |
| West Palm Beach, Fla.   | Matheson News Co. Dixie Highway at Celantis         |
| "                       | World News Co.                                      |
| St. Petersburg, Florida | P.D. Mulhollem, 249 Central Ave.                    |

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE

Akron, Ohio  
Boston, Mass.  
Chicago, Ill.

E. Schwartz News Co.  
Old South News Co.  
Chicago Newspaper Agency, State & Madison  
P.O. News, A.F. Franklin, 37 W. Monroe St.  
Queen City News Co. State & Randolph  
Rainbow News Agency, State & Quincy St.  
Rialto News Agency, Clark & Madison

Cincinnati, Ohio

Fountain News Co. 426 Walnut St.

Cleveland, Ohio

O.C. Schroeder, 212 Superior N.E.

Columbus, Ohio

Younger News Agency, 3 W. Broad St.

Denver, Colorado

Albany Hotel, 1704 Stout St.

Detroit, Mich.

Handler News, 1832 Curtis St.

Bagley News Co. 620 Capital Theatre Bldg.

Detroit, Mich.

Family Theatre News Stand, 138 Cadillac Sq.

Majestic News Co. 5th floor Shubert

Hollywood, Cal.

Triangle News Co. Griswold & Michigan

Universal News Co. 1655 N. Las Palmas

Hot Springs, Ark.

Jackson News Agency

Ohio Cigar Store, 336 Central Ave.

Southern News Co. 250 Central Ave.

Indianapolis, Ind.

134 Washington St. (Indiana Theatre news shop)

Kansas City, Mo.

Seegel News Co. 6 S. 12th St.

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Lafayette, Ind.

Los Angeles, Cal.

New Orleans, La.

New York, N.Y.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

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PITTSBURGH, Pa.

Portland, Oregon

St. Louis, Mo.

San Francisco, Cal.

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Seattle, Wash.

Spokane, Wash.

Tampa, Fla.

Tucson, Arizona

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Wichita, Kansas

Harry Kaplan

Belmont News Co. Box 1023 Arcade Station

Walter Spils, Arcade St.

Bert Gilmore, Wallace News Stand, 105 Royal St.

Hotaling's News Agency, Times Building

Stevens Daily News Agency

United States News Co. 228 Neville Blvd

Hartman Brothers, B-1 Central Nat'l Bldg.

Louis Prager, 1917 S. Galloway St.

Ferdinand Boss, 1 St. Ave. & Monroe

Federal News Co.

Metropolitan News Co.

Rich Cigar Store, 509 Manchester Bldg.

William Krell

Golden Gate News Agency, 8 3rd St.

A. J. Albert, Brooks Bldg. Cigar Store

Gustav Tollaksen, 1526 Westlake Ave.

Liberty News

S.P. Jacoy, Stevens & Trent

Chapman's News Stand, 617 Franklin St.

Broadway Cigar & News, 101 S. 5th Ave.

Post Office News Co. 15 Post Office Arcade

112 N. Olive Ave. (West Palm Beach News)

125 N. Market St. (Stevenson News Co.)

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| St. Petersburg, Fla. | L.M. Ackerman, Ackermans Newsstand               |
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| Cincinnati, Ohio     | Barkers News Shoppe, 545 Walnut St.              |
| Baltimore, Md.       | Battle Monument Newsstand                        |
| Miami, Fla.          | Beach News Depot, Casson & Burkiek               |
| Eugene, Oregon       | G. B. Brown, 593 Williamette                     |
| Chicago, Ill.        | Chicago Newspaper Agency, N.W. State & Monroe    |
| Fargo, N.D.          | Christensen Drug Co. 402 Front St.               |
| Columbus, Ohio       | City News Company, 16 N. 8th St.                 |
| Washington, D.C.     | Columbian News Agency, 10th & D. Sts.            |
| Omaha, Nebraska      | Coren, Meyer, 1524 Farnum                        |
| Detroit, Mich.       | Dann News Co. Michigan & Shelby                  |
| Pittsburgh, Pa.      | Fort Pitt News Co. 1013 Liberty Ave.             |
| Jordan, Mont.        | Foster Jordan Drug Co.                           |
| Cincinnati, Ohio     | Fountain News Co. 426 Walnut St.                 |
| New York City        | Hotelings News Agency, Times Bldg.               |
| Des Moines, Iowa     | Hymens Book Store, 416 8th Ave.                  |
| Indianapolis, Ind.   | Indiana Theatre News & Magazines, 134 Washington |
| St. Louis, Mo.       | William Krell, 8th & Olive                       |
| Indianapolis, Ind.   | Max Marcus, N.E. corner Market St.               |
| Kansas City, Mo.     | William Marcus, N.E. corner 10th & Walnut        |
| Omaha, Neb.          | Nicotero & Co. World Herald Bldg.                |
| Philadelphia, Pa.    | Paramount News Agency, 411 Buttonwood St.        |

Chicago, Ill.

Queen City News Co. State & Randolph

Rainbow News Agency, State & Quincy

Rialto News Co. Clark & Madison

Detroit, Mich.

Ruby's Temple Stand, 6409 Woodward

Akron, Ohio

E. Schwartz News Co. Box 223

Kansas City, Mo.

Seigel News Co. 1 1/2 W. 12th St.

Los Angeles, Cal.

Walter Spiele, Box 573

Atlanta, Ga.

World News Co. 141 E. Peachtree St.

Memphis, Tenn.

World News Co.

Miami, Fla.

West Palm Beach, Fla.

ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS

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| Baltimore, Md.     | Sherman News Agency (Calvert & Fayette) |
| Boston, Mass.      | Vincent Edwards, 260 Fremont St.        |
| Chicago, Ill.      | Chicago News, State & Monroe            |
| "                  | Rialto News, Clark & Madison            |
| "                  | Rainbow News Agency, State & Quincy     |
| Cincinnati, Ohio   | Barkers News Shoppe                     |
| Chicago, Ill.      | #4 Post Office News, 37 W. Monroe       |
| Detroit, Mich.     | Schubert Detroit Bldg. #2 Majestic News |
| "                  | #1 Dun News, Michigan & Shelby St.      |
| Indianapolis, Ind. | Marcus News Agency, Ill. & Market       |
| "                  | Magazine News Shop, Indiana Theatre     |
| Los Angeles, Cal.  | Belmont News, Box 1023 Arcade Sta.      |
| "                  | Crescent News, Box 463 Arcade Sta.      |
| Bosell, N. Mexico  | Milton Wright                           |
| Miami, Fla.        | T. O. Steele                            |
| "                  | Beach News Depot                        |
| New York City      | Notaling News, 308 W. 40th St.          |
| New Orleans, La.   | Bert Gilmore                            |
| Seattle, Wash.     | Liberty News                            |
| "                  | A.M. Peterman                           |
| Miami, Fla.        | Village News Shoppe                     |



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| Hot Springs Nat'l Park, Ark. | - Southern News Co. Pinkie Lightner, 250 Central Ave. |
| Los Angeles, Cal.            | California News Co. 215 W. 5th St.                    |
| "                            | Crescent News Co. Arcade Sta.                         |
| "                            | Walter Spile, Arcade Station                          |
| "                            | H. Sternberg, 441 & 442 S. Hill St. Los Angeles       |
| San Francisco, Cal.          | Golden Gate News Co. 739 Market St.                   |
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| Stockton, Cal.               | Tourist News Co.                                      |
| Denver, Colorado             | Handler News Co. 1832 Curtis St.                      |
| Bridgeport, Conn.            | Mr. Miller Ross                                       |
| Washington, D.C.             | The Boyd System, 534 Investment Bldg.                 |
| Miami, Florida               | World News Co.  |
| St. Petersburg, Fla.         | Ackerman News Stand                                   |
| Tampa, Fla.                  | World News Co.  |
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| Chicago, Ill.                | Post Office News Co. 31 W. Monroe St.                 |
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| Boston, Mass.                | Phil Bernstein, Milk & Washington Sts.                |
| Detroit, Mich.               | Bagley News Co. Woodward & Monroe St.                 |
| Kansas City, Mo.             | Seigel News   |

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St. Louis, Mo.

William Krell, 8th & Olive

Omaha, Neb.

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Miscotera Co. 15th & Farnam St.

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U.S. News Co.

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Columbus, Ohio

Younger News Agency, 3 W. Broad St.

Toledo, Ohio

St. Clair News Co. Central Station

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Stevenson News Stand, 108 N. Broadway

Portland, Oregon

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Philadelphia, Pa.

L. Proger, 1917 S. Gallaway

Memphis, Tenn.

World News

Fort Worth, Texas

Post Office News, Alex Bloomberg, 4 Jennings Ave.

Dallas, Tex.

Warren H. Scales, 103 S. Akard St.

Seattle, Wash.

Gustav Tollaksen, 1528 Westlake Ave.

San Antonio, Tex.

E.E. Bagwell, Atlas News Store, 302 N. St. Marys St.

Spokane, Wash.

Cys News Stand, Steven & Trent

Chicago, Illinois,  
February 23, 1934.

**CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM:**

**Re: Unknown Subjects; Edward G. Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.**

Reference is made to a recent letter from the Detroit Office, in which information was set forth to the effect that Harry Evans had supplied information concerning the Holland Bank Robbery, to Captain Marmon, of the Michigan State Police, and which also suggested that he be interviewed in connection with this matter.

On February 23, 1934, the writer interviewed Harry Evans, in the Chicago Division Office, and he advised that shortly after the Holland, Michigan, Bank Robbery, he was in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, and at that time associated closely with Frisco Dutch and members of his gang. Through this association he determined that the following individuals took part in the Holland, Michigan, Bank Robbery:

Frisco Dutch  
Verne Miller  
John Ryan, alias McCormick, an escape from Sing Sing  
Jack Davenport  
Samuel Ross, alias Sam Schroeder, on parole from Sing Sing  
Earl Doyle  
Jack Pfeiffer

All of the above individuals were closely associated with Frisco Dutch and, together with others, hang out with him in St. Paul. Evans stated that one day he rode with Verne Miller from Minneapolis to St. Paul, when Verne Miller had part of the bonds taken from the Holland Bank, to deliver to a third party, who was unknown to Evans.

Evans states that the following individuals were also connected with Frisco Dutch at that time and may have had something to do with the Holland Bank Robbery, although he has no information that they were involved:

Francis Keating  
James Holden  
Frank Webber (Deceased)  
Charles Hamon (Deceased)

Evans states that all of his information concerning this robbery was obtained by overhearing discussions of it in St. Paul, Minnesota.

With reference to the road chart which was dropped by the robbers, he stated that the chart had probably been prepared by either Verne Miller or Frisco Dutch and that if it were typewritten, it had probably been typewritten on a typewriter in the Old Senator Hotel in St. Paul, which was formerly operated by Jack Pfeiffer and which is now known as the Admiral Hotel. He stated that he did not know of any of the individuals named above owning a typewriter, but he is of the opinion that possibly it was written on a typewriter owned by the hotel.

W. A. SMITH, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WAC/RSE

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 23, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
Kidnaping,  
Chicago file 7-82

There is enclosed herewith copy of a  
confidential memorandum submitted by Acting Special Agent  
in Charge W. A. Smith, which it is believed will be of assist-  
ance to you in conducting further investigation in St. Paul.

A copy of this memorandum is being  
forwarded to the Division with its copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

KRM/dr-Att.  
CC Division-Att.

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Bldg.  
Detroit Michigan  
February 23 1934

AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telegram from your office dated February 22, 1934 requesting that the whereabouts of the letter written by Mrs. Kathryn Kelly on a Corona Portable typewriter in the rooms occupied by Jack Pfeiffer at the Admiral Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota be ascertained.

Please be advised that Special Agent L. D. Socoy of this office interviewed Mrs. Kelly, who advised that she had written only one letter on the typewriter referred to and that same was mailed to her mother, Mrs. Shannon, at Paradise, Texas; that this occurred about one month prior to the time that Harvey J. Bailey was arrested at Kansas City, Missouri and sent to the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas; that in substance this letter contained only the information that herself and George Kelly were intending to leave shortly for Mrs. Shannon's home at Paradise, Texas. Mrs. Kelly stated that George Kelly and herself left Minneapolis within two or three days after the writing of this letter and proceeded to Texas via Chicago in an eight cylinder Cadillac Coupe. Mrs. Kelly stated that when she wrote this letter there were several people in Pfeiffer's suite, which consisted of two adjoining rooms. She does not recall the room numbers but stated that Pfeiffer had resided at the Admiral Hotel on numerous occasions and had always registered there under the name of Jack Pfeiffer; that some of the others present in Pfeiffer's rooms at that time, as she recalls, were Harvey J. Bailey and his girl, Vine Norquist, Keating, Holden and the latter's girl friend, Gladys Harrington.

In this connection Mrs. Kelly stated that George Kelly and herself, including the others mentioned herein, frequently met at Pfeiffer's suite of rooms at the Admiral Hotel; that as a general rule she wrote her mother, Mrs. Shannon, a letter about once a week, several having been mailed from Minneapolis.

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Mrs. Shannon was also questioned by Agent Sweeney and she stated that while she received many letters from Mrs. Kelly, some of which were mailed at Minneapolis, that she does recall having received a letter from Mrs. Kelly, about the time in question, to the effect that George and herself were returning to Texas; that as she recalls, Kathryn and George did arrive at Paradise several days thereafter, driving a Cadillac Coupe.

Mrs. Shannon stated that she is positive that this letter, as well as all other letters received from Mrs. Kelly were destroyed by her within a short time after their receipt, since it was her usual practice not to retain old letters for any period of time.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meekins, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Jacksonville  
Chicago  
Division ✓

Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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February 23, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box #515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the kidnaping case in the matter of UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Jr. - VICTIM, attention is directed to your telegram of February 19th to this office requesting investigative attention be devoted to the matters referred to in Division letter to your office dated February 12th, copy of which was furnished this office.

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This is to inform that the confidential informant who furnished the Division with the information as contained in its letter of February 12th has not as yet called at this office.

Under date of February 20th information was received by this office from the Division that the information furnished by informant with respect to the St. Paul data is correct.

It is observed that the informant makes mention of Charles (Lucky) Luciano. His statement that he is a big shot is correct. His statement concerning Louis (Dutch) Goldberg is not exactly correct. "Dutch" Goldberg is the biggest hard liquor operator in New York City and has, up to recently, resided in a suite at the Hotel Delmonico, New York City. Whom he means by Myer and Buck is not known to this office. Myer might possibly be Meyer Lansky, New York City Police Department #B-70258, a partner of Benjamin (Bugs) Siegel, who figured in the Kansas City case. Louis Buchalter, called "Lepke", is not known as Buck. It is noted he states "Lepke" has an office in the basement of a clothing store at 38th Street and Broadway. The informant has in mind the place of Kolmer & Marcus, Inc., 1390 Broadway, in the basement of which store the racketeers and gangsters, headed by Lepke et al, had an office. They have not had an office at this place, however, since the Spring of 1933. It is important to note that "Lepke" and his mob change their meeting places every few months. The

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mob has had many meeting places since they were run out of Kolmer & Marcus, Inc. It is assumed that by Dick and Freddy, the informant means Fred and Arthur R. Barker, and implies that he has seen them in New York City.

In connection with the investigation in this district looking toward the location of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell, the New York City office is undertaking the same procedure that it took in the Kansas City case. In that case eight detectives were assigned to it, two from the 14th, 18th, 20th and 24th Precincts, by which a complete coverage on the West Side of New York was secured. The detectives will be informed that the apprehension of these individuals is desired in the Kansas City case.

Any information secured in this district respecting the activities or location of any of the above named will promptly be furnished your office.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division

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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
February 23, 1934.

F.J. BLAKE,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
POST OFFICE BUILDING,  
DALLAS, TEXAS.

BREMER KIDNAPING. MICKEY RHEINSMITH OR RHEINSMITH PAST OR PRESENT  
WIFE OF HARRY CAMPBELL FORMERLY OF CASPER AND MIDWEST WYOMING NOW BELIEVED  
TO BE AT BORGER TEXAS STOP HER MOTHERS NAME MINA RHEINSMITH STOP LOCATE  
MICKEY OR MOTHER DISCREETLY DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS HARRY CAMPBELL.

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cc - Division. ✓  
cc - St. Paul.

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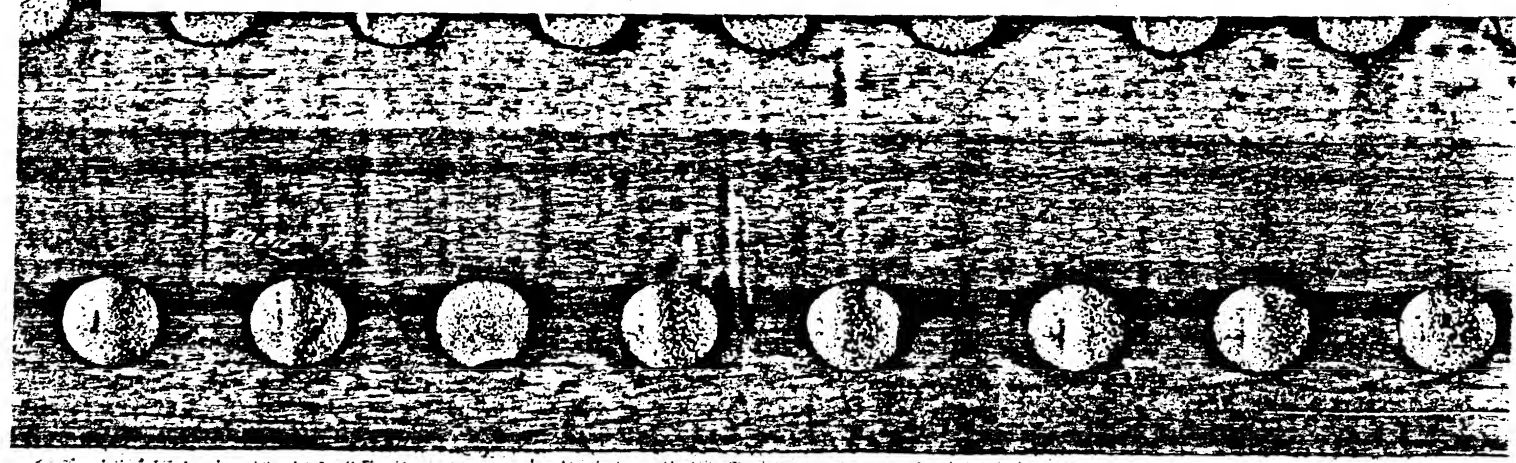
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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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DETROIT MICHIGAN FEBRUARY 23 1934

WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

0 BREKID LETTER WRITTEN BY INFORMANT NOT AVAILABLE STOP MAILED TO MOTHER  
ADVISING SHE AND GEORGE WERE RETURNING TEXAS

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cc - Division

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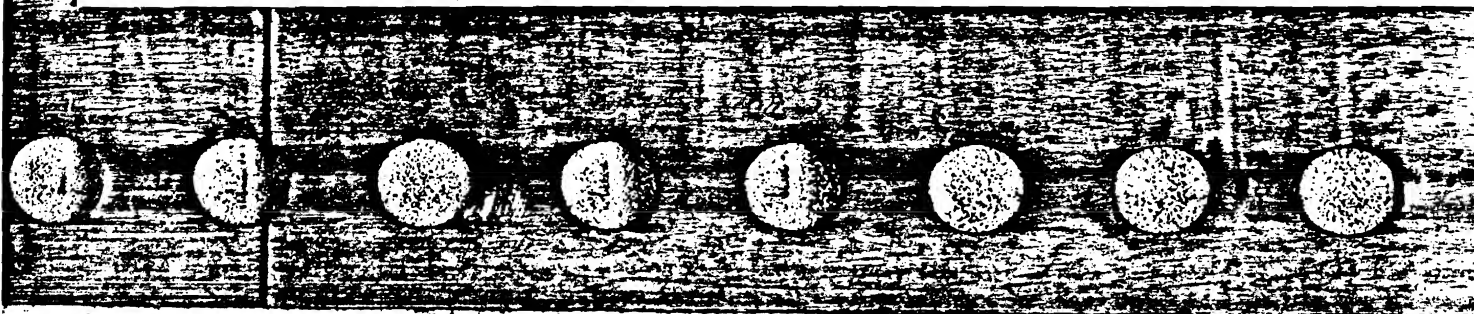
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P. O. Box #758,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box #1276,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: Unknown Subjects,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a letter from the Division dated February 20, 1934, in the above entitled case, which was inadvertently directed to the Cincinnati Office. There is also enclosed herewith photostat copies of an anonymous letter dated February 13, 1934, which also accompanied the letter of reference, requiring investigative action in Centry, Arkansas.

In accordance with the instructions from the Division, the identity of the writer should be ascertained through the references given by him, and obtain all information he may have in his possession concerning the kidnapers of the above named victim.

Very truly yours,

N. B. Klein,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 615  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe, dated Chicago, Illinois February 20, 1934.

It is requested that the following additional inquiry be made at Rockford, Illinois:

It is desired that an inquiry be made to determine if any persons answering the description of the Karpis and Barker gang purchased gasoline in five gallon cans at filling stations at or near Rockford, Illinois.

Kindly furnish this office with a statement as to whether conditions regarding sirens and bells exist in Rockford, Illinois, conforming to the form letter attached hereto.

It is noted that in the anonymous letter received by U.S. Attorney Dwight H. Green at Chicago, reference is made to the LaFayette Hotel. Kindly make whatever investigation is possible regarding this statement.

Also please interview ROSE BRANCHI, for whatever information she may be able to offer regarding the possibility that kidnapers of Mr. Bremer may have been in Rockford, Illinois at the time mentioned in the anonymous communication.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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San Francisco, California,  
February 23, 1934.

E. E. Conroy,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

BREKID CALIFORNIA LICENSE SIX B FIVE NAUGHT THREE SEVEN REGISTERED JULES C  
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U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
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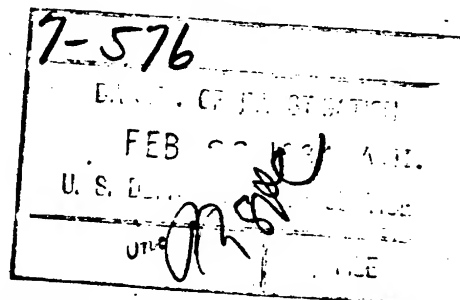
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
February 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of the 19th instant addressed to the Cincinnati Office in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, Kidnapping, and requesting certain investigation concerning one Walter O. Johnson.

This is to advise that upon receipt of a copy of the above mentioned letter the same was forwarded to Special Agent B. L. Damron who was then stopping at the Le Claire Hotel in Moline, Illinois. Agent Damron ascertained from Mr. R. G. Harvey, Manager of the LeClaire Hotel, that on February 6, 1934 Walter O. Johnson of Los Angeles, California registered into the LeClaire Hotel and was given Apartment 906 at a rate of \$80.00 per month. Soon after renting the apartment, Mr. Johnson was joined by a lady who was introduced as his wife, and he was subsequently seen driving a Packard automobile with Indiana license plates.

Agent Damron found this Packard parked in front of the Hotel and ascertained the same to be a Packard 8 four passenger sedan, colored dark grey, and bearing Indiana license 80-245 for the year 1934. Johnson, together with his chauffeur and Mrs. Johnson, were trailed in this car on the morning of February 21, and were seen to enter the Dohrn Transfer Company in Rock Island, Illinois where Mr. Johnson remained for a short time and then drove to Davenport, Iowa. Subsequent inquiry of Mr. Charles Neisinger of the Dohrn Transfer Company disclosed that Mr. Johnson is selling a gasoline saver device consisting of a copper coil and attachments which runs from the radiator to the manifold and increases combustion. Mr. Neisinger stated that Johnson is the owner of this attachment and does not work for any-one, so he was informed, and that he had letters of recommendation from numerous firms, the only one of which he could recall was the Pillsbury Flour Company. The Dohrn Transfer Company equipped their fleet of trucks with this attachment at a cost of \$17.00 each, and Mr. Johnson advised Mr. Neisinger that he intended to establish an agency in Rock Island.

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Further investigation at the LeClaire Hotel disclosed that Johnson is paying his bills in cash and receiving mail from Des Moines, Iowa and Detroit, Michigan, further addresses unknown, and that the following telephone calls were made from Apartment 906:

Moline 472 - LeClaire Pharmacy.

Nalant 340-J - Irving J. Graham, 882 1/2 Main Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Kenwood 1948 - Mack Truck Company, 732 West 1st Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Rock Island 991 - Bohra Transfer Company.

A large suitcase trunk was seen in the back of the Packard Sedan that apparently contained some of these attachments and also a sticker was seen on the windshield with the name of Grady Johnson written on the same. A closer inspection of the car could not be made due to the fact that the chauffeur was near the car.

A tracing of the signature of Johnson was obtained from the LeClaire Hotel and is being forwarded to the St. Paul Office with its copy of this letter. In view of the fact that Johnson is apparently in a legitimate business no further investigation is being made concerning him.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Oklahoma City  
cc San Antonio  
cc Cincinnati



318 Hewes Building  
San Francisco, California.

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Refer file  
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February 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

FEB 28 1934 PM

Reference is made to your wire dated February 23, 1934,  
with respect to California license Nos. 7W9150 and 6H5037.

The first mentioned license has not as yet been regis-  
tered at Sacramento, California. It is a Los Angeles number,  
and I have wired the Los Angeles office to secure all informa-  
tion available, and wire the data to you.

With respect to the second license, this is registered  
to Buickmobile Sedan, motor #105078, in the name of Jules C.  
Lacock, Fort McArthur, San Pedro, California. In view of the  
fact San Pedro is also in the Los Angeles office district,  
I telephoned the Los Angeles office with respect to both  
licenses, and suggested they expedite their inquiries, and  
notify the Kansas City office by wire.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

c.c. Division.  
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WIRE LETTER

CHICAGO ILL.  
FEB 25, 1934.

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U S DEPT OF JUSTICE  
412 U S COURT HOUSE & POST OFFICE BLDG  
JACKSONVILLE FLA

BREKID FOLLOWING WIRE RECEIVED THURSDAY OR FRIDAY LAST BY FRANK HAYS SEVEN  
FOUR FIVE SOUTH STATE STREET CHICAGO QUOTE NEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS  
RIGHT AWAY SEND IT BY WIRE TO ME CARE JOSEPH P LIEB ATTORNEY TAMPA  
THEATER BUILDING TAMPA FLORIDA UNQUOTE SIGNED EDDIE FOLEY STOP FOLEY  
BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH LARUE SECURE FULL DETAILS REGARDING THIS WIRE  
AND RECEIPT OF MONEY

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St. Paul, Minn.  
February 25, 1934.

M.H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

BREKID MY RECORDS SHOW FIRE DEPARTMENT BROOKFIELD ILLINOIS HAS SIREN

ROHER

Off. Bus. Govt. Rate  
Chg. Div. of Inv. U.S. Dpt. Justice  
203 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.  
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JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

BREKID COVER CARNERA LOUGHRAN FIGHT MIAMI TWENTY EIGHTH INSTANT POSSIBILITY

CONVERTING MONEY THROUGH HEDGING BETS

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New York City

February 25, 1934

JAM:EL

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS

The following letter has been received from the Division:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

There are enclosed herewith a number of photographs of certain members of the so called Barker-Karpis gang, together with descriptive information concerning each of them. The individuals whose photographs appear thereon are being sought in connection with the above entitled case. A set of these photographs should be distributed to each Special Agent assigned to your office for use in promptly carrying out any investigation in connection with this case.

For your strictly confidential information, you are advised that it has been ascertained from Mr. Bremer that at a point about one-half way between the place where he was held and the place where he was released, the automobile in which he was returned was filled with gasoline from a reserve supply which had been carried in the car in five gallon cans, at a point near Portage, Wisconsin, adjacent to U. S. Highway #16, four cans of the type described by Mr. Bremer were discovered and from one of these cans a latent fingerprint, identified as the print of the right index finger of Arthur R. Barker was developed. Four red signal lights were used by the kidnapers in directing the driver of the car in which the ransom money was delivered. These lights have been found, and the St. Paul Office has located the store in which three of these signal lights were sold, and the sales lady has identified the photograph and wearing apparel of Alvin Karpis as the individual who purchased these lights. This information appears to point quite clearly to the identity of the perpetrators of this kidnaping. It is for this reason that a vigorous effort should be made to cause their apprehension. No indication should be given by any Special Agent as to the reason why these individuals are being sought, and the discovery of the above information is to be held in the strictest confidence. It is desired that all undeveloped leads which would further connect these individuals with the Bremer kidnaping should be pressed vigorously to a logical conclusion.

There are also being enclosed copies of the report of Inspector A. A. Rorer, dated February 14, 1934; the report of Special Agent J. C. Brennan dated February 17, 1934, and a memorandum summary prepared in the Division which will serve the purpose of showing the modus operandi employed in this kidnaping, the immediately available facts concerning this case as well as additional information concerning the individuals whose photographs are attached.

F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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M H PURVIS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREXID REFER PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING HIDE OUT MAKE

SIMILAR INVESTIGATION MELROSE PARK AND MORTON GROVE ILLINOIS

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203 Post Office Bldg. St. Paul, Minn.  
Division of Investigation

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REMEMBER KIDNAPING PAULA HARMON PLACED LONG DISTANCE  
TELEPHONE CALL JANUARY TWENTY THIRD NINETEEN THIRTY  
THREE TO MADELYN SNYDER LAKE VIEW SEVEN SEVEN NAUGHT  
SIX CHICAGO ALSO TO MARGARET BLACK SAME NUMBER ON  
OCTOBER EIGHTE NINETEEN THIRTY TWO

BLAKE

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February 15, 1934.

Mr. Harold Nathan,  
First Assistant, Department Of Justice,  
Washington, D.C..

Dear Sir:

I am enclsing a. letter that I received from [REDACTED] She is a lady that lived here during a part of her childhood. You will notice from her letter that she was in a "Jam" as she called it and she did not want any one to know that I had heard from her. I did not send the money that she ask for, neither did I answer her letter, and later, about the time that the young banker, Bremer, was released by the kid-nappers, I received another letter from her and the whole letter, about two pages, was pleading that I never mention in any way that I had heard from her, I have misplaced that letter or it may have been destroyed through with some waste paper, but it was very appealing and pleading that I never in any way mention that I had heard from her or knew anything of her whereabouts. The thought occured to me that possible she, her husband or some friends may have had something to do with the Bremer kidnapping case. From her last letter she had evidently gotten out of her difficulty, which strenghtened my belief that she had obtained some money from some source. If her letter is of any value to you I shall be glad for you to retain it in your files, and I kindly ask that you withhold my name in connection with anything that you may do.

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Respectfully,

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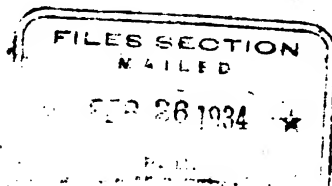
Dear [REDACTED]

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 15, 1934, addressed to Assistant Director Harold Nathan, concerning the possibility that [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] might be acquainted with circumstances which would prove enlightening with reference to the Bremer kidnaping case. b7c

I desire to express to you my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness in transmitting this information to this Division, and I am instructing that an immediate inquiry, of a discreet nature, be made. Of course, your name will not be used in connection with the inquiry which is being made.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

HHC:ps

February 26, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

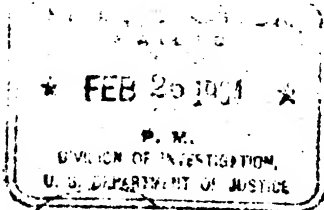
There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter which the Division has received from [redacted] dated February 15, 1934, together with copies of the enclosure referred to therein. You will observe that [redacted] relates circumstances which he feels may have a bearing on the Bremer kidnaping case, and in this connection you are requested to conduct a very discreet inquiry, making sure that the identity of the Division's informant is protected at all times.

Please give this matter prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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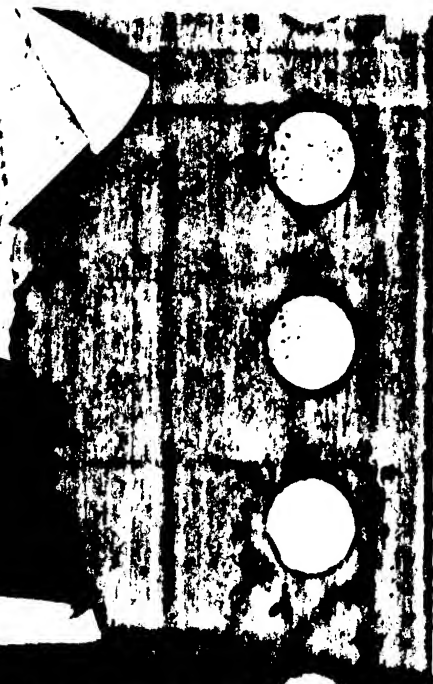
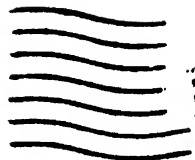
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RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO



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Personal

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Hon. Harold Nathan,  
First Assistant, Department Of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

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Jan 19 1933.

Dear [redacted]

I don't know just how to express myself in a letter but there is something I would like to ask of you I'm in a Jam & have been out of work several months & can't let folks know about it can you loan me \$15.00 as soon as I can I'll pay you back with interest & please don't mention to anyone having heard from me or anything please it will mean my ruination if you do - Someday hope to be able to talk with you & tell you all about it - please help at once. You will remember me as Chloe Ray destroy this & Mum's the word address me

b7c [redacted]